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A History of Decatur Catholic  
Basketball 1921-1967

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A Short Note By the Author

When I started working a history of Adams County high school basketball nearly two years ago, I basically had no idea what I was getting into. I am a life-time fan of the sport, both as a participant, and a spectator. Even though I have practically every book ever written on high school basketball in our great state, I had no idea how long this would take.

I plan on doing all thirteen of the former and current high schools in the county. I have much of the research done, it just takes a little time getting in all down on paper. This work on Decatur Catholic will also be included, along with Decatur and Monmouth, in a history of Bellmont basketball. I just happened to finish this one first.

I would like to thank all of the fine women at the Decatur library, Dave Terveer, and Olin Edgall for the help they gave me with this.

Also, if anyone has any information that I left out, or information, or yearbooks from any of the county schools, please let me know. I could use any information on any of the schools prior to 1925. I can be contacted at 724-3359.

I have used a few abbreviations in this book-so here is a list of them so you can decipher this.

\*-overtime game, 1 \* means 1 OT, 2 \*\* mean 2 OT and so on.

MPGT-Most points in a game by the team

FPG-Fewest points in a game by the team

LMV-Largest margin of victory

LMD-Largest margin of defeat

MPGI-Most points in a game by an individual.

I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I enjoyed putting it together.

Bob Adams June 9, 1995

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A SHORT HISTORY OF DECATUR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
CATHOLIC HIGH FOUNDED IN 1919

History of Catholic School Written by Margaret Mylott,  
DCHS grad.

Miss Margaret Mylott, a graduate of Decatur Catholic high school in 1923, being a member of the first high school class, prepared the following interesting history of the school. It was published in "The Tattler" last June (1924) and is published in this edition with the permission of the staff of the high school paper.

To revert to the days of 1881 seems quite a jolt to our modernized minds: for great and wonderful things have astounded and bewildered the world since this time.

Back in 1881, when St. Mary's was yet an infant parish, struggling though lusty, the good pastor, Rev. Theodore Wilken, turned his fatherly attention to providing a school for the small charges of his growing parish.

He built a school facing Madison Street, and was fortunate enough to secure a band of Sisters of St. Agnes to take charge of the promising school. Four pioneer Sisters filled with zeal came to brave the trials and tribulations of a new mission, an infant school.

This dauntless pioneer was SR. AM Aloysia, who labored in the schools of St. Mary's parish for 38 years, and her efforts were well-spent, for every pupil who was fortunate enough to feel guidance of that wonderful Sister, is moved to tears of gratitude for the splendid work she did in cultivating his mind and lifting his heart to higher things.

Sr. Aloysia left Decatur in 1919, but her memory is still revered by each and every one in St. Mary's parish and all ardently long for her return. Sr. Aloysia is now located in Hays, Kansas.

Sr. Augustine, another pioneer, endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact, and performed great work for souls. The good nun passed to her reward just recently after 54 years in the service of her God—a noble life well spent.

Sr. M. Borgia, the third member of the pioneer band, is still laboring in the fields of religion and we know that she still watches interestedly the progress of her school of days long past.

Sr. Euphrosine, the 4th member of the little band, is also still active in the service of her Master, and we know that Decatur and St. Joseph's school hold a warm corner down in her heart.

We take this opportunity to invite this band of three surviving members to the dedication of our new school so that they may have the opportunity to witness personally the fruition of their pioneer endeavors.

The school ably sponsored by good Father Wilken and the stout hearted Sisters flourished and expanded. Pupils entered, learned, and laughed, and were graduated, all carrying with them the uplifting ideals that were so ably instilled into their hearts. The first graduates were the Misses Blanche Adelsperger, deceased, and Nora Holthouse, no Sr. M. Dolores C. S. A.



After years of beautiful service to his God and fellowmen, good Father Wilken was called to his reward. However, his last days were gladdened by the wonderful progress his school had made, and surely from his place in Heaven, he still looks on and smiles complacently at the splendid strides his school is making.

"Rev. J.A. Seimetz, his able successor, proved to be an equally firm and ardent support of Catholic education, and encouraged the teachers and pupils in every conceivable manner.

"Rev. J.A. Seimetz dreamed of some day having a Catholic High and the dream was bound to materialize. In the spring of 1919, Father Seimetz, with the assistance of Sr. Aloysia worked out a plan of procedure. Although Sr. Aloysia was not destined to stay in Decatur to see the dream materialize; nevertheless, she has followed the success of the High School Department with the deepest interest.

At this juncture of 1919 the pioneer days of the second era begin. Rev J.A. Seimetz, Rev A.J. Kroeger, Sr. M Antonita and Sr. M. Odelia compromised the first faculty board of D.C.H.S. That first year was wonderful. Everyone was zealous and eager to make everything a "go".

The next year, Sr. M. Vera, our present competent principal came to bless our school with her presence. She was so zestful, so full of ambition, that all of us mentally resolved to live up to her high hopes, and, to make a long story short, that second year was glorious..

Pioneering was great fun. Our assembly room was picturesque. We scorned the regular school desks, and gloried in the tables and folding chairs that were provided for us. We laughed, we learned, and we came out winners. Our faculty that year included Rev. J.A. Seimetz, Sr. M. Vera, Sr. M. Antonita and Sr. M Odelia. Rev. Otto Peters, our capable assistant, then made things look bright by injecting some athletic spirit into our school: and Rev Otto Peters by his splendid initiative and encouragement well deserves the title "Patron of D.C.H.S. Athletics."

Our third and fourth years of High School, the trial years, went on merrily. Sr. M sylvester was added to the faculty in the third year, and Sr. M. Almeda in the fourth year. Sr. Sylvester left after the third year, accompanied by the best wishes of the scholars, for she helped us pioneer, and our hearts are warm with praise for her. Sr. M. Almeda is still with us. She also captured our admiration by the splendid way she goes after things.

In September, 1922 we had the distinction of being honored by affiliation with the Catholic University of America, which was a boon to teachers and students alike.

With the graduating of the five Pioneer High School Students: Aloysius Schneider, Andrew Appleman, Charlotte Niblick, Irene Holthouse and Margaret Mylott, the High School was a thing complete. It was a reality.

Today, the beautiful, new Catholic School, that will house both the grad and High School departments, is being constructed, and it is a wonderful monument to those who dream of things that make life worthwhile.



D.C.H.S. offers a classical course as well as a Commercial course. The present faculty of D.C.H.S. is composed of REV.J.A. Seimetz, Rev. O. Peters, ST.M.Vera, Principal, Sr. M.Antonita, Sr. M. Almeda Sr. M.Beata and Sr. M. Claude. what can we say to express our appreciation of the efforts of those sacrificing teachers? Sr. M. Vera has devoted herself, heart and soul to the success of our High School, and has succeeded wonderfully. Sr. M. Antonita, our first High School teacher, is still with us. Her splendid faith in all of us has always given us added impetus. Sr. M. Almeda's three years with our school has endeared her to all who know her. Sr. M. Beata is a new member of the faculty this year. She has already won a favored spot in the hearts of students. Sr. M Claude, who has been added to the faculty this year, has seen her enthusiasm for music kindled a like love of harmonious sounds in the hearts of her pupils. Under her guidance we are looking forward to great things in music for the future.

The School is growing. The Pioneer days are glimmering and fading into the distance, and a wonderful vista of advancement lies before us. The former students, Alumni, have ever the best interest of the old Alma Mater at heart, and plans are being discussed now for the founding of an Alumni Association for the purpose of "Carrying On."

So, a dream has materialized, and stand today, embodied in fullest reality, a glorious tribute to our noble pastor, his assistants and his co-workers, the Sisters, the great-hearted people of St.Mary's Parish, and the students and alumni of the grand old school.

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#### D.C.H.S. BEGAN ATHLETICS, 1920

Rapid Progress Made In Athletics Despite Small Number of Boys

In the fall of 1920, a mere handful of girls held a meeting with Father Peters and organized a basketball team. This marked the beginning of athletics in D.C.H.S. The pioneer athletes were Margaret Mylott, Irene Holthouse, Charlotte Niblick, Helen Gass, Marie Foos, Anna Baker, and Anna Dowling.

Not to be outdone by the girls, the boys (although only two in number) linked themselves with the eighth grade boys, who later showed such great prowess, and formed a team. This was in the season of 1920-21.

#### SEASON OF 1921

In September, 1921, the boys definitely organized a basketball team for they had six freshmen join them. Father Peters proffered his services as coach. No definite schedule was arranged, but the coach managed to secure eight games for the boys. Although they lost five of the games, they felt they had gained much in the way of experience.

The girls reorganized their team and progressed under the guidance of Father Peters. they played several games with D.H.S. and the St.Catherine girls of Fort Wayne, and always made a splendid showing.

#### SEASON OF 1922

In 1922, athletics were given a decided boost when the services of Lawrence Linn, former D.H.S. star, were secured. Mr. Linn proved an efficient coach, for his charges made very creditable showings against teams representing schools with a far larger enrollment than that of D.C.H.S.

The girls' team, having learned the fundamentals of the game, enjoyed the privilege of competing with six or seven out of town teams. In the majority of the games, they had the short end of the score, but this was undoubtedly because of their lack of experience. Nevertheless, their spirits never ebbed and they persistently stuck to the rope until the end of the season, and made plans for a bigger and better girls team in 1923.

#### SEASON OF 1923

In 1923, athletics were given an added impetus by the addition of football to the curriculum of sports. This was made possible by the active interest and generosity of many local business men, who contributed the magnificent sum of \$500 for the purchase of football equipment. France Conter, local, wide-awake, you business man, accepted the difficult task of working with raw material. Raw, indeed, for many of the boys had never before engaged in even a practice game of this famous sport. However, Mr. Conter more than fulfilled his contract as is readily seen by comparing the team's first defeat, 56-0, with its second, 24-7. the team closed the season without a victory, but they were not discouraged and looked forward to the bright prospects of the coming year.

Soon after Thanksgiving, the boys and girls opened the basketball season. Since the former coach, Lawrence Linn, was now a student at the University of Indiana, France Conter,, graduate of the U of I and football coach, became the director of the boys' team. Father Peters, the manager, arranged a schedule of sixteen games. The team made an enviable record that year, losing only three games. Two of these were lost to C.C.H.S. by scores of 14-10 and 13-12.

The 1923-24 basketball season was a great improvement over past seasons for the girls as well as the boys. The Varsity (girls) won eight out of twelve games played.

#### SEASON OF 1924

The football season of 1924 was a failure as far as victories is concerned, yet it cannot be considered a failure in every respect. Experience had been gained in each game, and valuable material was uncovered for the next team.

Prying off the lid of the '24-'25 basketball season was somewhat more successful than a similar event in football. Father Peters, manager, arranged a schedule of twenty games. These included Pennville, C.C.H.S., Cathedral of Indianapolis and others of importance. The first game with Pennville was a thriller, but D.C.H.S. proved itself winner by the close score of 19-18. At this game the boys displayed new uniforms of green and gold.

This season proved to be the most successful ever played by the warriors of the green and gold. They came through a series of 18 games, undefeated, the most brilliant record any school could wish for its team. Some of the victims of their prowess were: Pennville, St. Mary's of Huntington, C.C.H.S., C.H.S. of Indianapolis, Gibault of Vincennes, St. Patricks of Ft. Wayne, and Sts Peter and Paul of Huntington.

#### ENTER NATIONAL TOURNEY

Since the team came through the season without a defeat, they were invited to compete in the National Catholic Basketball Tournament, held in Chicago at Loyola University. Local fans furnished the necessary funds for the trip. The players, accompanied by Coach Conte and Father Peters, left for Chicago on the 2:22 A.M. train Wednesday morning, March 15 (1925). Those who made the trip were E. Christen, R. Voglewede, B. Meyer, H. Holthous, G. Laurent, F. Schultz, A. Voglewede, C. Gass and A. Wemhoff.

We entered the tournament unknown and unheralded. No one seemed to care about Decatur, nor think they had a chance. The team gained recognition and praise by winning it's first game over last year's champions, Spauldig Institute of Peoria, Illinois, 24-23. Next, the team was scheduled to play St. Thomas Academy of St. Paul, who had been the favorites of the dopesters. The team rallied after trailing 8-5 at the end of the half and came through with a 21-16 victory. The third opponents happened to be St. Viator's College from Bourbonais, Illinois. This was a very interesting tussle, and D.C.H.S. again proved itself the better team, leading in the final score, 18-12.

Finally came the St.Mels game, which proved fatal to the D.C.H.S. boys, who were becoming the favorites of the dopesters. The local lads were far in the lead when Lady Luck frowned upon them and put Gass out of the game with a sprained ankle. The team was lost without Gass. Their opponents took advantage of the lack of defense and added six points to their score. With twelve seconds to play they tied the score 11-11. This made a five-minute overtime period necessary. St.Mel's, hot from their rally, scored the winning two points. this gave St.Mels the game as they prevented D.C.H.S. from scoring again.

This defeat was the first suffered by the locals in twenty-two games. It was a heartbreaking defeat for both fans and players, but everyone in "the old home town" was more than satisfied and proud of the wonderful record made by the wearers of the green and gold.

Too much praise could hardly be given to this team when on considers that the many teams represented schools with an enrollment of several hundred boys. D.C.H.S. had eight boys last year.

The girls, also, had a successful season in 1924-25. Although greatly outweighed and often smaller in stature, they defeated eight of twelve opponents. They lost only one player, G. Smith, by graduation, so that they are confident of having an all-star team this season.

The boys have not organized a football team this year, because of a lack of players and no definitely arranged schedule. However, they are anxiously awaiting practice in the new gymnasium which will probably start next week. The outlook for a successful basketball season is bright. Three first string men, Voglewede, Holthouse, and Christen, and two subs, Schulte and Laurent, were lost by graduation. Nevertheless, D.C.H.S., with veterans, Gass, Meyer, Wemhoff and A.Voglewede, hopes to establish such a record as will justify their entering the National Catholic Tournament again next March. Coach Conter will continue his excellent work and Father Peters has already arranged many games with prominent Catholic high school teams.

# DECATUR CATHOLIC COACHES AND RECORDS

<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Over-all Record</u>
1922	Father Otto Peters	3- 5
1923	Lawrence Linn	5- 6
1924-27	France Conter	82- 11
1928-40	George Laurent	168-134
1941-43	T.C.Zaynor	25- 37
1944-46	Gerald Vizzard	25- 33
1947	Elwood Hoke	4- 15
1948	Dan Perry	12- 10
1949-56	Dave Terveer	88- 88
1957-60	Allison Lindahl	39- 46
1961-62	Leon Youngpeter	26- 16
1963-64	George Waning	21- 20
1965-66	Bob Boyle	29- 15
1967	Bob Chuey	9- 12

## TOP TEN SCORERS

<u>Single Season</u>			<u>Career</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Points</u>
J.Wilder	1955	497	J.Wilder	1953-56	1267
J.Lose	1966	450	D.Baker	1958-60	868
D.Baker	1959	446	J.Lose	1963-66	832
"Mongo"Meyer	1927	408	M.Meyer	1924-27	815
R.Meyer	1957	356	W.Gass	1928-31	799
Bollinger	1966	356	E.Kohne	1962-64	788
Gass	1953	347	R.Meyer	1955-57	713
Mowrey	1955	346	Wemhoff	1924-27	657
J.Wilder	1956	339	D.Kable	1955-58	630
S.Blythe	1962	327	Bollinger	1964-66	602

Most points game      94 Decatur Catholic 94      1966  
    Madison Twp      72

Fewest points game      5 Decatur Catholic 5      1923  
    Delphos St.John 34

Largest win      70 Decatur Catholic 87      1926  
    Anderson St.Mary 17

Worst Defeat      40 Decatur Catholic 19      1944  
    Ft.Wayne C.C.      59

40 Decatur Catholic 49      1962  
    Larwill      89

Most Points Game Individual 39 R.Meyer vs Pleasant Mills  
    1957

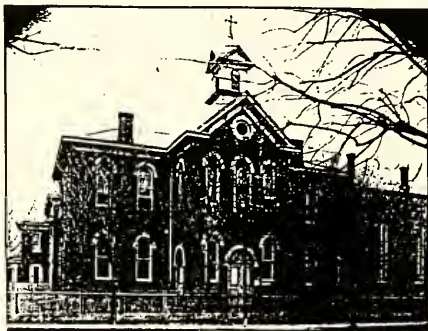
37 J.Wilder      1955

## 1921 DECATUR CATHOLIC

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ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL.

DECATUR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.



## 1922 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: OTTO PETERS (1rst year)

	DC	OPP
Kirkland 2nds	18	21
Ft. Wayne Central Catholic 2nds	12	9
Kirkland Twp	11	10
Bryant	27	28
Fisher Harris	28	2
1922 Season Record	3	5
DCHS Record To Date	3	5

1922 TEAM MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
G. Mylott		
A. Appelman		
E. Christener		
A. Schindler		
R. Vogelwede		
F. Schultz		
H. Holthouse		

This was the first season that Decatur Catholic fielded a basketball team. Father Otto Peters was volunteered to be the coach. This was also the first year for the St. Joseph building. Although I could only find five games for Decatur Catholic, a later newspaper article reports that they played eight games and won 3.

MPGT 27	Decatur Cath	27	FPG 11	Decatur Cath	11
	Bryant	28		Kirkland Two	10
LMV 18	Decatur Cath	20	LMD 3	Decatur Cath	18
	Fisher-Harris	2		Kirkland 2nds	21

Although no girls scores could be found, the girls organized a team under coach Father Otto Peters. An article from the Decatur Daily Democrat on October 17, 1925 said that the girls played several games with Decatur High School and the St. Catherine girls from Fort Wayne, and, "always made a splendid showing."



## 1923 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: LAWRENCE LINN (1st year)

	DC	Opp
Bryant	21	8
Van Buren	14	31
Delphos St. John	21	16
Kirkland Twp	24	10
Lima St. Rose	15	13
Portland	11	17
Ft. Wayne Central Catholic	13	16
Delphos St. John	5	34
Celina Catholic	31	10
Ft. Wayne Central Catholic	11	15
Van Buren	8	18
1923 Season Record	5	6
DCHS Record To Date	8	11

TEAM MEMBERSName

H. Holthouse  
Myers  
Wemhoff  
A. Christner  
Snyder  
F. Schulte  
R. Vogelwede  
G. Mylott  
A. Appelman

MPG	31	DCHS	31	FPG	5	DCHS	5
		Celina Catholic	10			Delphos St. John	34
LMV	21	DCHS	31	LMD	29	DCHS	5
		Celina Catholic	10			Delphos St. John	34

## MPGI

Lawrence "Lank" Linn was a Decatur High school grad and former center for the Yellow Jackets. This was the first season that DCHS played rivals Lima St. Rose, Delphos St. Johns and Fort Wayne Central Catholic.

Decatur Catholic also fielded a girls team in 1923

	DCHS	Opp
Bryant	10	33
Decatur 2nds	15	13

A history of DCHS athletics written in 1925 said that "the girls team, having learned the fundamentals of the game, enjoyed the privilege of competing with six or seven out-of-town teams. In the majority of the games they had the short end of the score, but this was undoubtedly because of their lack of experience. Nevertheless, their spirits never ebbed and they persistently stuck to the rope until the end of the season, and made plans for a bigger, better girls team in 1924." (From the Decatur Democrat 10/17/25)

## 1924 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach:FRANCE CONTER (1rst year)

	DC	Opp
Huntington St.Peter	30	9
Monroeville	42	14
Huntington St.Mary	21	15
Ft.Wayne Central Catholic	10	14
Ft.Wayne Central Catholic	12	13
Kirkland Twp	25	16
International Business College	26	15
Geneva	33	21
Monroeville	31	11
Ft.Wayne St.Patrick	9	11
Huntington St.Mary	26	8
Kirkland Twp	26	23
General Electric 2nds	23	11
Geneva	36	27
Ft.Wayne St.Patricks	21	17
Huntington St. Peter	25	15
Season Record	13	3
DCHS Record to Date	21	14

## 1924 TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
F.Connell	0		H.Holthouse	110	
A.Vogelwede	83		A.Wemhoff	112	
B.Gage	0		E.Christener	49	
J.Omlar	0		F.Schulte	14	
G.Laurent	4		R.Vogelwede	0	
Meyers	3		C.Gass	24	
G.Smith					

France Conter, local businessman and I.U. grad was hired to create a football team at DCHS. Some local businessmen donated \$500 for equipment. This was one of two years that DCHS had a football team. When Lawrence Linn left to attend IU, Conter was given control of the basketball team as well. This was the most successful season in Decatur Catholic's short history. Two of their three losses were to Fort Wayne Central Catholic. Catholic's other loss was to Fort Wayne St. Patricks, and they avenged that loss later in the season.

MPG 42	DCHS	42	FPG 9	DCHS	9
	Monroeville	14		Ft.Wayne St.Patrick	11
LMV 28	DCHS	42	LMD 4	DCHS	10
	Monroeville	14		Ft Wayne CC	14

MPGI

1924 DECATUR CATHOLIC GIRLS Coach: Father Otto Peters

DCHS also fielded a girl's team this year.

	DC	Opp
Super Six	9	16
Super Six	6	13
Hoosier Paint	16	26
Kirkland	16	10
St. Augustine	22	12
Huntington St. Mary	28	10
St. Augustine	14	6
Monroeville	16	5
Huntington St. Mary	23	12
Kirkland Twp	15	5
Berne	15	34
Decatur Business Girls	13	2
DCHS Season Record	8	4

TEAM MEMBERS

H. Holthouse  
 I. Baker  
 A. Clark  
 R. Smith  
 B. Christen  
 A. Murtaugh  
 H. Bremerkamp  
 A. Baker  
 A. Dowling  
 G. Smith

## 1925 DCHS Boys

Coach:FRANCE CONTER (2nd year)

	DC	Opp
Pennville	19	18
Berne	36	19
New Haven	18	11
Huntington St.Mary	31	12
Hartford Twp	50	7
Pennville	16	15
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	36	24
Indianapolis Central Catholic	27	18
Berne	24	18
Huntington St.Mary	41	12
Ft.Wayne Central Catholic	29	14
Indianapolis Central Catholic	22	20
Vincennes Gibault	29	21
Ft.Wayne St Patrick	22	7
Huntington St.Peter	36	14
Lima St.John	44	17
Kirkland Twp	35	16
Huntington St.Peter	38	9
<u>National Catholic Tourney</u>		
24 Peoria (IL) Spaulding	24	22
21 St.Paul (Minn) St.Thomas	21	16
St.Victor College	18	12
Chicago St.Mel	11	13*
Rochester Aquinas	18	22
<u>Exhibition</u>		
Decatur Leaders	17	28
DCHS Season Record	21	2
DCHS Record To Date	42	16

## 1925 TEAMS MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
R.Voglewede	146	146	A.Vogelwede	2	85
A.Wemhoff	70	192	J.Mylott	2	2
H.Holthouse	132	242	B.Meyers	87	87
E.Christener	61	110	F.Schultz	16	30
C.Gass	16	40	G.Laurent	20	24

Decatur Catholic became the first boys team in Adams County to go through the regular season undefeated. The Commodores won their first 21 games before losing to Chicago St.Mel in the National Catholic High School Tournament. They then lost to Rochester Aquinas to close out the season 21-2. This would be the best record in DCHS history.

MPG 50	DCHS	50	FPG 11	DCHS	11
	Hartford Twp	7		Chicago St. Mel	13*
LMV 43	DCHS	50	LMD 4	DCHS	18
	Hartford Twp	7		Rochester St.Auinas	22
MPGI					

1925 DCHS Girls	DC	Opp
Pennville	23	13
Berne	10	25
Ft.Wayne St Augustine	10	16
Pennville	18	1
Alumni	33	0
Ft.Wayne St.Augustine	25	14
Berne	16	37
Ft.Wayne St.Catherine	30	13
Huntington St.Mary	11	15
Huntington St.Mary	24	10
Ft.Wayne St.Catherine	26	6
Kirkland	12	3

# TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

MPG 33 DCHS 33  
Alumni 0

FPG 10 DCHS 10  
Berne 25

DCHS 10  
Ft.Wayne St. Augustine 16

LMV 33 DCHS 33  
Alumni 0

LMD 21 DCHS 16  
Berne 37

MPGI

## 1926 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: France Conter (3rd year)

	<u>DCHS</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Huntington Saint Mary	28	13
Lima Saint Rose	29	22
Vincennes Gibault	32	29
Fort Wayne Blueprints	36	16
Delphos St. John	45	11
Alumni	34	18
Fostoria Saint Wendelin	11	10
Indianapolis Cathedral	45	28
Anderson Saint Mary	87	17
Evansville Reitz	31	30
Delphos Saint John	56	12
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	11	14
Huntington Saint Mary	49	15
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	29	27
Kirkland Township	38	21
Anderson Saint Mary	36	15
Indianapolis Cathedral	29	23
Shelbyville Catholic	35	36
Fostoria Saint Wendelin	39	12
Vincennes Gibault	40	30
National Catholic Tourney		
Prairie Du Chen (WI) Champion	37	30
Cincinnati Saint Xavier	24	19
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	24	23
Louisville (KY) Saint Xavier	14	18
Wichita (KA) Catholic	14	33
St. Louis Bay	33	23
Philadelphia Roman Catholic	21	26
DCHS Seasons Record	21	4
DCHS Record to Date	63	20

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C. Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C. Points</u>
Meyer	320	407	Gass	56	96
Wemhoff	215	407	Connell	3	3
Smith	5	5	Gage	11	11
J. Mylott	147	149	Klepper	2	2
Vogelwede	25	27	Knapke	24	24

Decatur Catholic ran it's regular season unbeaten string to 42 before losing to Ft. Wayne Central Catholic. They later defeated Central Catholic twice during the season. The Commodores picked up their nickname this year and also dedicated their new gymnasium. They were invited to the National Catholic tourney for the second time and finished fourth.

MPGT 67	DCHS	87	FPG 11	DCHS	11
	Anderson St. Mary	17		Fostoria St. Wen	10
LMV 70	DCHS	87	LMD 19	DCHS	14
	Anderson St. Mary	17		Wichita KS	33
MPGI 29	Wemhoff vs Inpls Cath				
	Meyer vs Anderson St. Mary				

# 1926 DCHS Girls

Coach:

	DCHS	Opp
Huntington Saint Mary	51	13
Fort Wayne Saint Catherine	36	9
Fort Wayne Saint Catherine	32	15
Kirkland Township	27	5
UTD	28	6
Wayne Knitting Mills	47	10
Kirkland Township	18	12
DCHS Season Record	7	0

## TEAM MEMBERS

Margaret Eiting  
Delores Omlor  
Patricia Teeple  
Elsie Brunnegraff  
Mary Meyers  
Agnes Baker

Anna Colchin  
Rosamary Smith  
Winifred Arnold  
M.Voglewede  
Helen Schmitz



1927 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: France Conter (4th year)

	<u>DCHS</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Hartford Twp	39	38**
Celina Immaculate	44	14
Bellevue (OH) Catholic	40	29
Delphos St. John	31	18
Delphos St. John	23	10
Geneva	39	24
Vincennes Gibault	36	24
Huntington St. Mary	37	19
Geneva	52	12
Lima St. Rose	35	23
Celina Immaculate	48	13
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	24	20
Alumni	32	15
Hartford Twp	49	32
Fostoria Saint Wendelin	50	29
Fostoria Saint Wendelin	33	8
Anderson Saint Mary	45	25
Vincennes Gibault	47	31
Huntington Saint Mary	44	16
Anderson Saint Mary	42	26
Lima Saint Rose	21	43
Ft. Wayne Central Catholic	34	26
Bellvue (Oh) Catholic	49	29
Fremont (Oh)	34	27
National Catholic Tourney		
Oklahoma City Catholic	27	18
St. Louis Bay	33	23
Philadelphia Roman Catholic	21	26
DCHS Seasons Record	25	2
DCHS Record to Date	88	22

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C. Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C. Points</u>
Meyer	408	815	Miller	14	14
Wemhoff	250	657	Sorg	8	8
Smith	60	65	B. Wemhoff	6	6
J. Mylott	85	234	Connell	2	5
F. Mylott	122	122			

Decatur Cathlic won it's first 20 games before losing to Lima St. Rose. Catholic played county foes Hartford Twp and Geneva for the first time this year. They beat both teams twice. This would be coach Conter's last season at the school. He won 80 games and lost 11 in 4 seasons. He took the school to the National Catholic Tourney 3 times. R. Meyer set Decatur Catholic records for points in a season with 408 and points in a career with 815.

MPGT 52	DCHS	52	FPGT 21	DCHS	21
	Geneva	12		Phil Rmn Cath	26
LMV 40	DCHS	52	LMD 22	DCHS	21
	Geneva	12		Lima St. Rose	43

MPGI 22 Meyer, Wemhoff

927 DCHS Girls

Coach:

TEAM MEMBERS

Margaret Eiting  
Delores Omlor  
Patricia Teeple  
Elsie Brunnegraff  
Mary Meyers  
Agnes Baker

Anna Colchin  
Rosamary Smith  
Winifred Arnold  
M.Voglewede  
Helen Schmitz

## 1928 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach:GEORGE LAURENT (1rst year)

	DCHS	Opp
Geneva	46	23
Hartford Twp	41	33
Shelbyville Catholic	34	23
Berne	49	31
Lima St.Rose	36	37*
Alumni	34	32
Shelbyville Catholic	36	28
Anderson St.Mary	20	24
Pittsburg Technical	41	25
Cincinatti Elder	19	22
Richmond Catholic	35	20
Hartford Twp	39	54
Geneva	37	26
Kirkland Twp	36	27
Bellview Ohio	25	12
Ft.Wayne Central Catholic	31	30
International Business College	31	19
Anderson St.Mary	46	28
Ft.Wayne Central Catholic	19	26
Kirkland Twp	23	30
Bellview Ohio	30	12
Berne	47	43
Lima St.Rose	26	24
Richmond Catholic	89	24
Detroit St.Joseph	33	22
State Catholic Tourney		
Evansville Reitz	23	20
Connersville St.Glen	36	26
Indianapolis Cath	23	32
Ft.Wayne Central Catholic	17	27
DCHS Season Record	21	8
DCHS Record to Date	109	30

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points.</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Gass	268	268	Sorg	13	21
F.Mylott	229	451	Kohne	2	2
J.Mylott	276	510	Coffee	4	4
Miller	119	133	Wemhoff	30	36
Gage	12	12	Gage	4	4

George Laurent was a former Decatur Catholic player and assistant coach. This was the first year that Decatur Catholic participated in the State Catholic tourney. J.Mylott led the county in scoring with 276 points.

MPGT 89	DCHS	89	FPGT 19	DCHS	19
	Richmond Cath	24		Cincinatti Elder	22
LMV 55	DCHS	89	LMD 15	DCHS	39
	Richmond Cath	24		Hartford Twp	54
MPGI 26	Gass				

1929 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach:GEORGE LAURENT (2nd year)

	DCHS	Opp
Ashley	26	20
New Haven	24	25
Lima Saint Rose	24	26
Indianapolis Cathedral	43	12
Monrovia	39	24
Anderson St.Mary	16	18
Shelbyville Catholic	21	13
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	25	14
Cincinatti Elder	18	16
Indianapolis Cathedral	22	32
New Haven	28	27
Huntington St.Mary	48	16
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	25	15
Anderson Saint Mary	36	25
Cincinatti Elder	23	16
Dayton Chaminade	30	17
Andrews	36	20
Lima Saint Rose	24	30
Anderson Saint Mary	70	10
State Catholic Tourney		
Indianpolis Cathedral	19	25
National Catholic Tourney		
Portsmouth (Oh) Catholic	28	14
Omaha Creighton	23	11
Union City (NJ) Catholic	23	16
Chicago DeLasalle	17	16
Peoria (IL) Catholic	14	24
DCHS Season Record	19	6
DCHS Record to Date	128	36

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
Mylott	216	567	Wemhoff	82	118
Gass	197	465	Harris	0	0
Miller	56	189	Rumschlag	5	5
Gage	25	37	Coffee	56	60
Kohne	48	50	Metzger	3	3

Decatur Catholic did not play a single Adams County team this season. Although the Commodores lost in the first game of the State Catholic Tourney, they were invited to the National Catholic Tourney, where they won 4 games before losing.

MPGT	70	DCHS	70	EPGT	14	DCHS	14
		Anderson St Mary	10			Peoria Cath	24
LMV	60	DCHS	70	LMD	10	DCHS	22
		Anderson St.Mary	10			Indpls Cath	32
				10		DCHS	14
						Peoria Cath	24

MPGT 21 Gass

1930  
THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

## 1930 STATE CHAMPIONS!!!

Coach:GEORGE LAURENT (3rd year)

	DCHS	Opp
Huntington Saint Mary	32	21
Ashley	38	15
Anderson Saint Mary	8	22
New Haven	20	25
Lima Saint Rose	26	28
Lima Saint Rose	16	20
Andrews	66	33
Anderson Saint Mary	18	27
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	26	47
Delphos Saint John	31	24
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	27	37
Andrews	33	34
New Haven	29	38
Kirkland Twp	36	16
Toledo Central Catholic	23	15
Dayton Central Catholic	17	10
Lima Saint John	27	14
State Catholic Tourney		
Vincennes Gibault	39	33
Washington Catholic	24	15
Jasper Accademy	35	24
National Catholic Tourney		
Altoona (PA) Catholic	21	16
St Louis Catholic	19	17
Chicago DeLasalle	16	20
DCHS Season Record	13	10
DCHS Record To Date	141	46

Even though the Commodores had only an 8-9 record, they rang up 3 wins in the State Tourney to win it. They were also invited to the National Tourney where they won 2 games before losing to Chicago DeLasalle.

TEAMS MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
Wm.Gass	166	631	R.Holthouse	8	8
F.Mylott	95	662	E.Vian	0	0
C.Lose	69	69	G.Harris	2	2
G.Gage	63	100	R.Kleinhenz	0	0
E.Wemhoff	69	187	L.Schultz	0	0
MPGT 66	DCHS 66		FPGT 8	DCHS 8	
	Andrews 33			Anderson St.Mary 22	
LMV 33	DCHS 66		LMD 16	DCHS 26	
	Andrews 33			Ft.Wayne CC 42	
MPGI 19	Gass				

Decatur Daily Democrat  
March 8, 1930  
By Hockey Mylott  
National Guard Amory, Indianapolis (Special)

Decatur Catholic high school Commodores came from behind in the last 9 minutes of their game with Gibault of Vincennes and won a thriller in the Catholic State Tournament here this morning, 39-33.

Decatur had trailed throughout the game and was behind at the half 18-12. The fast Vincennes team continued to break through the Commodore defense in the opening of the second half and sped to a 31-23. Nine minutes remained in the second half when the Decatur team came to life and brought the Commodore score within a field goal of a tie.

With seven minutes remaining Carl Lose, forward, slipped under the net to tie the score and in a few seconds, Petie Mylott, star guard of the Commodores threw the Decatur fans into a pandemonium by slipping the ball through the nests from midfloor to put Decatur in the lead for the first time during the game. This was followed by field goals by Cass, Wemhoff and Gage, while the best Vincennes could do was score one fielder in the remaining minutes of the game.

The game was wild throughout and the fifty some odd Decatur fans never gave up, always cheering the Commodores on.

Wagner, Gibault center, was the mainstay of the losers, hitting the net six times from the field and four times from the free throw line. Little and Delisle, Vincennes forwards, each counted three time from the field and Delisle added a free throw.

Every Commodore regular counted from the field. Gage scored once, Cass hit the nets five times; Wemhoff scored twice; Carl Lose snagged three, two from a distance and one from under the basket on a pass from Mylott and Petie Mylott, winner of the Feeney medal for being the most valuable player to his team at the tourney here two years ago, got four field goals and four free throws.

Decatur will meet the winner of the Washington Catholic-Catholic Central of Hammond game at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The general consensus of opinion here this morning is that Washington will win its game from Hammond. The winner of the afternoon game will go into the finals tonight and the winner of the finals will represent Indiana at the National Catholic tourney in Chicago.

Lineup and summary:

Commodores (39)	FG	FT	TP	Gibault (33)	FG	FT	TP
Gage, f	1	0	2	Little f	3	0	6
Cass f	5	2	12	Desisle f	3	1	7
Wemhoff c	2	3	7	Wagner c	5	4	16
Lose g	3	0	6	Schlomer g	0	2	2
Mylott g	4	4	12	Speth g	1	0	2
Totals	15	9	39	Totals	13	7	33

Personal fouls called on Decatur 9; on Vincennes 13.



# STATE CATHOLIC TOURNEY GAME 2

## WASHINGTON DEFEATED IN SEMI-FINALS

Winner of Cathedral-Jasper Game Will Oppose Laurentmen Tonight

## THOUSANDS SEE STATE TOURNEY

By Hockey Mylott-Decatur Democrat March 8, 1930

National Guard Armory, Indianapolis

Decatur Catholic high school Commodores went into the finals of the state Catholic basketball tournament here this afternoon by disposing of Washington Catholic high school in the semi-finals 24-15. It was a great game, and the Laurentmen played their greatest game of the season.

The first half was a go-easy affair with the Commodores taking advantage of the breaks. The score at half-time was 12-4 in favor of Decatur. The Washingtonians were guarding closely and frequent fouls were called on them, Decatur took advantage of the free throw business and piled up a nice lead.

In the second half Wemhoff was sent to the showers by the personal foul route and two Washington netmen, Barbiret and Miles kissed the officials good-bye with four personals each.

The Commodores continued to pile up a lead and went into the finals as the 75 Decatur fans went wild with enthusiasm and swarmed out on the floor to congratulate the "tourney dark horses."

Decatur's opposition in tonight's game will be either Cathedral or Jasper. At 3:30 o'clock Cathedral of Indianapolis and Jasper were scheduled to play. Dope favored Cathedral to fight it out with the Commodores in the finals.

Cathedral won a great battle with Central Catholic of Fort Wayne this morning to move on to the afternoon bracket. The game was close and it was not until late in the game that Cathedral took a commanding lead and won the battle 22-16. Washington defeated Catholic Central of the Calumet district and Jasper defeatd Richmond.

### Lineup and summary:

Decatur (24)	FG	FT	TP	Washington (15)	FG	FT	TP
Gage f	1	0	2	O'Kane f	2	1	5
Gass f	1	6	6	Barbiret f	1	0	2
Wemhoff c	2	1	1	Dosch c	2	1	5
Lose w	1	0	1	Ming'n w	1	0	2
Mylott w	2	3	1	Miles w	0	0	0
Wetthouse g	0	0	0	Farris w	0	0	0
				Queen w	0	0	1
				Chalderf w	0	0	0
Totals	7	10	24	Totals	6	3	15

STATE CATHOLIC TOURNEY GAME 3  
COMMODORES WIN STATE CATHOLIC TOURNEY  
Local Netmen Trip Jasper in Final Tilt  
Gass, Mylott, Wemhoff Lead Offensive in Final Game

Decatur Daily Democrat March 10 1930

Decatur Catholic high school Commodores returned to this city Sunday afternoon with the state Catholic basketball title tucked safely away. It was the first time in the history of state Catholic tournaments that Decatur won the title.

The Laurentmen defeated a tough Jasper Acedemy team Saturday night in the finals to win a free railroad ticket to the nation Catholic tourney at Chicago which starts a week from Wednesday.

The Commodores entered the tournament as a decided "dark horse" largely because of the up and down season's record. Early in the season the Commodores began suffering various injuries. First Pete Mylott was injured. Then Bill Gass was sick. then someone else would be out of a game.

As a result the Commodores lost several games, but whatever they did all season was forgotten at the tourney, and headed by Gass and Mylott the Commodores tore through three of the toughest Catholic teams in the state Saturday and returned with the championship.

In the final game with Jasper about half of Decatur had moved down to the National Guard Amory at Indianapolis. In the opening half, Bill Gass, who was the outstanding forward of the tournament, grabbed the ball and tossed four times at the basket from mid-floor and four time the ball rang through without even hitting the backboard.

This with the accurate passing ability of the Laurentmen took the heart out of the team from Dubois county, which had been a strong early-tourney favorite and the Commodores led all the way.

The score at half time was 18-11 in favor of Decatur. In the second period Wemhoff, who had been playing great basketball all day crashed through the Jasper defense with three field goals and Petie Mylott, bad leg and all dribbled for 4 two pointers.

As the final minutes arrived the Decatur crowd was wild, and when the timer ended the game and the score stood 35-24 in favor of Decatur, the hundreds of local fans went wild with excitement.

Each member of the Commodore team received a miniature gold basketball and the school received a silver loving cup. The team will also be sent to the national Catholic tourney at Chicago by the state association.

Line up and summary:

Decatur (35)	FG	FT	TP	Jasper (24)	FG	FT	TP
Gass f	7	1	15	Baker f	0	0	0
Lose f	1	0	2	O. Aubin f	1	0	2
Holthouse f	0	0	0	Durbin	1	1	3
Wemhoff c	3	0	6	Quinlan c	4	0	8
Mylott g	4	4	12	Beckman g	1	0	2
Gage g	0	0	0	Schneider g	1	0	2
				Spears g	0	1	1
				P. Aubin g	1	3	5
				Jackie g	0	1	1
Totals	15	5	35	Totals	9	6	24

## COMMODORES WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

(The following article was reprinted from the 1930 TATTLER, DCHS yearbook.)

The Decatur Catholic High School Commodores have completed another basketball season, which, was in the end, crowned with success.

During the first half the Commodores were crippled by injuries of several of last year's veterans. When the team finally did get together they were unable to hit their stride. They played championship basketball in one game and then for two or three games almost any kind of a team could have defeated them. Different combinations were tried, but to no avail. finally, about the first of February, when all championship teams begin to bear down, the Commodores fell right in line and did the same. They began their campaign by trouncing an Indiana team and then swept past four strong Buckeye teams.

They then faced a task which only a good team can tackle: that of winning the State Catholic basketball title. Decatur was not given much of a chance by anyone, except by the members of the team and those immediately connected with it. They knew that the Commodores could and would win, because they were playing only the brand of ball which wins tournaments. When it came to a showdown the Commodores proved the surprise.

In their first game the met Gibalut High of Vincennes. The Green and Gold received the closet call of the tournament during this game. Apparently slightly over-confident, they were unable to hold the Vincennes team for the first three quarters. However, they staged a rally in the last quarter to overcome a seven-point lead and win 39-33.

The Commodores did not play in the second round due to a break they received in the drawing. They entered the semi-final game with Washington Catholic, determined to break their semi-final jinx. Using a slow-breaking offense, which they worked to perfection they defeated the southern team 24-15. They were the first Commodore team to enter the finals of any tournament.

Spurred on by several hundred fans from Decatur the home team entered the final game against the strong Jasper Academy team. Jasper had previously defeated Anderson, Richmond, and Cathedral of Indianapolis. The Commodores gained a lead in the first quarter and were masters of the situation thereafter. The Jasper team felt the effects of their battle with Indianapolis during the afternoon. Gass put fire into the entire team by sinking seven field goals. Gage and Mylott both played good defensive games. Wemhoff and Lose both found time to drop in several field goals each.

The Commodores are now in possession of the cup which goes to the team winning the championship. They received a permanent trophy and each member of the team received an individual souvenir. As a result of winning the State Catholic Net Title they were given an invitation to compete in the National Catholic Tourney at Chicago.

Wemhoff, regular center, who played an important part in winning the State Title, was out of the lineup due to illness. However, the Commodores proved that were not yellow by defeating the Pennsylvania champions 21-16.

St. Louis University High was the next obstacle. It was a bigger and rangier team than the Green and Gold outfit. Harris was in the lineup in place of Wemhoff who was still unable to play. The score was 19 to 17 in favor of Decatur, but the game was much closer than the score indicates. Harris played a great defensive game and found time to score four points.

The Commodores were now ready to enter the third round against the strong De LaSalle team of Chicago. They were forced to battle a team which averaged six feet in height and two hundred pounds in weight with Wemhoff on the bench during most of the game. The game was almost a repetition of last year's semi-final game. The two teams fought on even terms and De LaSalle eked out a 20 to 16 victory in the closing minutes. De LaSalle incidentally won the tournament for the second consecutive time by defeating Charleston, South Carolian in the semi-finals and Jasper Academy, of Jasper, Indiana in the finals. Jasper was the first Indiana team to reach the finals in the National Tourney.

## COMMODORES' STATE TITLE MARCH RECALLED

(The following article appeared in the September 17, 1994 issue of the Decatur Democrat)

Editors note: Phil Loranger is a resident of South Bend and a free lance writer. He submitted the following article to the Democrat after a conversation with Mary Colchin Becker, his neighbor in South Bend. Becker is a former Decatur resident who attended Decatur Catholic High School from 1929-1932.

By Phil Loranger

Marv Wood, head basketball coach at Saint Mary's College has garnered his fair share of media attention while directing his Belles to a long string of successful seasons.

Of course, Wood is most remembered for leading little Milan High School to the Indiana State basketball Championship in 1954, defeating some of the state's powerhouses along the way. The "Milan Miracle" was the feat that inspired the hit movie "Hoosiers".

But Coach Wood would be among the first to acknowledge that an even smaller high school captured a state basketball title two decades earlier than his Milan squad, and, while overcoming odds that would have made drawing to an inside straight look easy, the little school received only local mention in its community newspaper.

It's time to correct that oversight.

The school was Decatur Catholic High School, the title was Indiana Catholic High School Basketball Champions. The date was March 30, 1930. The team was named the Commodores. The coach was a dairy worker. And the squad's tallest player was a "giant" at 5-foot-9.

The newspaper that gave the team some "ink" on its accomplishment was the venerable Decatur Daily Democrat.

Decatur Catholic High School is gone now. So, too, is the State Catholic High School Basketball Tournament. Their memories are simply cherished relics of an era that cannot be recaptured. That in itself is a shame.

The school had a short life span. It was established on West Monroe Street in 1919 and closed its doors in 1964. (Note: Decatur Catholic's first basketball team was fielded in 1923.)

When the basketball season of 1930 rolled around, the school boasted an enrollment of less than 90 students, of which fewer than 40 were boys. Coach George (Shorty) Laurent, an employee of the Cloverleaf Creamery and a member of the school's 1925 graduating class, welcomed 11 youngsters for basketball tryouts. Six of the fellows had played in the past, five were first-time players.

Shorty Laurent did not envision a winning season. Any hopes he had that his green and gold clad Commodores might even enjoy a few victories were further dampened when several of his slated starters came down with severe injuries and nagging illnesses.

As expected and much to the chagrin of the Decatur Catholic fans, the Commodores compiled a miserable four-win, nine-loss record mid-way through their season. Shorty Laurent was dismayed. In his third year at the helm of the team, his coaching was being critically reviewed.

Even Fr. J.A. Hession, the school's athletic director, began to fend off criticism of the team and its coach by bragging about the scholastic standings of our players. Truthfully, the fledgling girls' softball team, under the tutelage of Jeannette Clark had a much higher grade-point average. Drawing to an inside straight started looking easier and easier.

Student managers Marcellus Miller and Julius Baker tried to console their down-in-the-mouth coach by telling him the team would jell in the second half of the season. And that's exactly what happened.

After absorbing a bitter 39-29 loss to New Haven, the team caught fire. Led by starters Bill Gass, Jerry Gage, Pete (Wemmie) Wemhoff, Fred Mylott and Otis Lose, the Commodores whipped Kirkland, 36-16. Somewhere in Decatur, a bell rang. It wasn't a loud bong, more like a ping, but a bell nonetheless.

Bolstered by some reserves from the "B" squad, fellows like underclassmen Leo Schultz, George Harris, Bob Holthouse, Eddie Hess, Bob Kleinhenz and Edward Vian, Coach Laurent actually gained the capability to insert a substitute into his lineup now and then.

Next up on the schedule of the struggling Commodores were four of the most talented squads from Ohio. In an age when every score was followed by a center-court jumpball, the youths from Decatur Catholic beat Catholic Central of Toledo, St. Rose of Lima, Chaminade High School of Dayton, and St. John of Lima.

Suddenly, the Commodores had a season ending record of 9-9.

Sister Marie Vera, C.S.A., principal of the diminutive high school, lit a candle in the chapel and then she pulled the rope that set the school bell pealing. Heck, it was tournament time and her beloved boys were on a five game roll.

While the Senior Debate Club argued over the subject, "Be it resolved that it is better to attend a small college than a large one," (the large colleges won) the basketball squad entered the State Catholic Basketball Tournament.

The Decatur, boasting a mediocre regular season record were given about as much of a chance to cop the title as Wabash College had of defeating the Notre Dame football team. (Actually, Wabash gave coach Knute Rockne's squads as much as they could handle in those days.) Few gave the Commodores a chance to survive the first game, but the players, most of whom were so much shorter than their opponents they could have used radar to launch their shots at the goal like a pilot in a cloud bank, surprised everybody but themselves.

In their opening game of the tournament they met vaunted Guilbault of Vincennes. Unable to hold their opponents in check for the first three quarters, the Commodores staged a furious rally in the last stanza to claim a 39-33 victory.

If ever a team needed a break, it was the Decatur Catholic squad, and a break is exactly what it got, drawing a bye in the second round to reach the semi-finals, where the team was pitted against heavily favored Washington Catholic.

Using what Coach Laurent dubbed, "My slow breaking offense, the scrappy Decatur boys upended their taller rivals, 24-15, to become the first Commodore team ever to reach the finals of any tournament.

Spurred on by several hundred hometown fans, who had made the trip to Indianapolis, the Commodores completed their whirlwind season by thoroughly outplaying Jasper Acedemy and inflicting a 35-24 defeat on their foes to capture the State Catholic net title. In the final game, Bill Gass tossed in seven field goals, while both Mylott and Gage scored three field goals each.

The school received a permanent trophy, which still rests in the display case at St. Mary's and each player received a miniature of the prestigious cup.

As a result of winning the state championship, the team was invited to play in the National Catholic Tournament in Chicago.

In the first round, the Commodores defeated Altoona Catholic High, the Catholic champions of Pennsylvania, 21-16. Next, they stunned St. Louis University High of Missouri by a count of 19-17, but lost their encounter with Chicago's DeLaSalle High 20-16. The Chicagoans eventually won the national tournament.

The loss was a heartbreaker, but the little Commodores could still look at their state trophy and know they had accomplished what few persons had ever thought they could. They had hit that elusive straight, and in Decatur all the church bells rang out in a salute to their success.



## 1931 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach:GEORGE LAURENT (4th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Ossian	17	13
Monroeville	18	17
New Haven	16	24
Huntington Saint Mary	10	12
Fort Wayne Concordia	22	8
Delphos Saint John	22	18
Kirkland	23	24
Lima Saint Rose	25	17
Delphos Saint John	15	18
Cincinnati Elder	24	7
Fort Wayne Concordia	41	7
Huntington Saint Mary	19	24
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	22	29
Delphos Saint John	19	24
New Haven	20	12
Delphos Saint John	20	24
Ossian	15	16
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	36	21
State Catholic Tourney		
Evansville Reitz	22	28
DCHS Season Record	10	9
DCHS Record To Date	151	55

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Wm.Gass	168	799	R.Kleinhenz	4	4
C.Lose	61	130	E.Hess	3	3
G.Gage	57	157	E.Vian	4	4
L.Dowling	54	54	C.Omlar	1	1
K.Holthouse	52	52	A.Hain	0	0

William Gass closed out his 4 year varsity career with 799 career points. The Commodores were eliminated in the first game of the State Tourney and were not invited to the National Catholic Tourney.

MPGT	41	DCHS	41	FPGT	10	DCHS	10
		Concordia	7			Huntington St Mary	12
LMV	34	DCHS	41	LMD	8	DCHS	16
		Concordia	7			New Haven	24

MPGI

## 1932 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: George Laurent (5th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Lima Saint Rose	11	8
Celina Catholic	23	6
Monroeville	7	31
Huntington Saint Mary	23	16
New Haven	16	19
Delphos Saint John	20	23
Kirkland Twp	20	24
Washington Catholic	11	21
Cincinatti Elder	16	25
Berne	21	7
Lima Saint Rose	16	7
New Haven	16	13
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	20	36
Celina Catholic	34	13
Kirkland Twp	13	24
Berne	27	35
Delphos Saint John	21	20
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	11	33
State Catholic Tourney		
Vincennes Gibault	19	23
DCHS Season Record	8	12
DCHS Record To Date	159	67

Decatur Catholic suffered only it's 2nd losing season in 11 years this year. The Commodores also lost in the first round of the Catholic State Tourney for the 2nd year in a row.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
C.Omlar	53	54	W.Lose	17	17
J.Miller	27	27	R.Lengerich	0	0
R.Kleinhenz	46	50	E.Hess	30	33
A.Hain	86	86	F.Keller	0	0
C.Lose	100	230	H.Foos	1	1

MPGT 34	Decatur Catholic 34	FPG 7	Decatur Catholic 7
	Celina Catholic 13		Monroeville 31

LMV 21	Decatur Catholic 34	LMD 24	Decatur Catholic 7
	Celina Catholic 13		Monroeville 31

MPGI 12 Hess

1932 DECATUR CATHOLIC GIRLS Coach:Patricia Teeple

With the opening of the basketball season the High School girls through the efforts of Miss Patricia Teeple succeeded in organizing a basketball team.

Due to the fact that this is the first time in several years that DCHS has had a girl's team there was some difficulty in securing games with other teams. However, two games each were scheduled with Pl.Mills, Berne, Kirkland, and Hoagland. All these games proved exciting as well as interesting.

The girls appreciate the efforts of Miss Teeple to turn out a winning team and wish her success in organizing future teams. (From the Decatur Catholic "Tattler" 1932.)

TEAM MEMBERS

Name

## 1933 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach:GEORGE LAURENT (6th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Jefferson Township	26	31
Kirkland Township	11	18
Huntington Saint Mary	14	26
Berne	21	18
Ossian	12	23
Delphos Saint John	19	17
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	11	14
New Haven	16	11
Huntington Saint Mary	10	16
Lima Saint Rose	19	37
Lima Saint Rose	14	23
New Haven	11	30
Delphos Saint John	21	31
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	26	29
Monroeville	16	22
Lancaster PA	27	24
Berne	29	23
Ossian	17	25
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	25	29
State Catholic Tourney		
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	15	30
DCHS Season Record	5	15
DCHS Record to Date	164	82

Decatur Catholic suffered through it's 2nd straight losing season. The Commodores did managed to beat Berne twice during the season.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
E.Hess	41	74	W.Lose	52	69
R.Braden	63	63	D.Hess	10	10
W.Baker	0	0	H.Foos	2	3
H.Baker	5	5	J.Lose	31	31
J.Miller	10	37	E.Lose	0	0
P.Murphy	71	71	A.Hain	44	130

MPGT 29	Decatur Catholic	29	FPG 10	Decatur Catholic	10
	Berne	23		Hntngtn St.Mary	16

LMV 6	Decatur Catholic	29	LMD 19	Decatur Catholic	11
	Berne	23		New Haven	30

MPGI 12 Murphy

## 1934 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: George Laurent (7th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Richmond Catholic	21	9
Monroeville	23	20
Kirkland Township	24	23**
Huntington Saint Mary	16	15
Berne	15	21
Kirkland Township	17	19
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	19	21
New Haven	25	29
Monroeville	22	14
Delphos Saint John	26	17
Anderson Saint Mary	24	34
Huntington Saint Mary	27	26
Delphos Saint John	24	22
Ossian	18	27
Jefferson Township	17	27
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	22	34
New Haven	35	25
Berne	22	28
Anderson Saint Mary	31	24
Lancaster (Wells)	18	20
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	25	22
Saint Joseph College	29	30
HARD Tourney		
Richmond Catholic	24	17
Huntington Saint Mary	26	36
State Catholic Tourney		
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	21	20
Huntington Saint Mary	12	21
DCHS Season Record	13	13
DCHS Record to Date	177	95

After beating Huntington Saint Mary's twice during the year, the Commodores lost to them in the State Catholic Tourney.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
A. Teeple	0	0	P. Murphy	89	160
C. Colchin	0	0	R. Braden	103	166
E. Daniels	0	0	H. Baker	60	65
J. Tricker	0	0	D. Hess	46	56
R. Colchin	0	0	J. Lose	28	59
J. Parent	0	0	H. Hain	0	0
A. Hain	128	258	J. Kohne	0	0
W. Lose	84	153	R. Wolpert	0	0
W. Baker	0	0	R. Hess	0	0

MPGT 35	Decatur Catholic 35	FPG 12	Decatur Catholic 12
	New Haven 25		Huntington St. Mary 21
LMV 12	Decatur Catholic 21	LMD 12	Decatur Catholic 22
	Richmond Catholic 9		Ft. Wayne CC 34
MPGI 14	W. Lose		

## 1935 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: George Laurent (8th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Celina Catholic	27	22
Richmond Catholic	18	16*
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	13	12
Portland	13	21
Kirkland Township	21	22
Anderson Saint Mary	25	18
Delphos Saint John	33	23
Monroeville	22	10
Jefferson Township	25	24
Avilla	29	16
Kirkland Township	16	19
Jefferson Township	40	20
Delphos Saint John	20	17
Berne	31	40
Anderson Saint Mary	18	27
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	21	35
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	19	20
Portland	37	30
Ossian	34	27
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	23	25
Hammond Central Catholic	22	19
Hammond Central Catholic	47	25
Marmion Accademy	44	25
HARD Tourney		
Anderson Saint Mary	21	27
Richmond Saint Andrew	38	13
State Catholic Tourney		
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	20	25
DCHS Season Record	16	10
DCHS Record to Date	193	105

Decatur Catholic posted it's first winning season in 4 years.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Murphey	136	296	D.Hess	160	216
H.Baker	52	113	W.Baker	23	23
Braden	159	325	Colchin	4	4
Hain	22	22	R.Hess	14	14
Lose	77	136			
MPGT 47	Decatur Catholic	47	FPG 13	Decatur Catholic	13
	Hammond Cent Cath	25		Elmhurst	12
				Decatur Catholic	13
				Portland	21
LWY 25	Decatur Catholic	38	LMD 14	Decatur Catholic	21
	Richmond St. Andrew	13		Ft. Wayne CC	35
MPGI 16	D.Hess	twice,			

1935 DECATUR CATHOLIC GIRLS Coach:Helen Holthouse

	DCHS Opp	
Avilla	34	27
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	16	49
Monmouth	69	36
Kirkland Township	36	12
Avilla	20	17
Huntertown	15	37
Huntertown	16	30
Berne	46	18
Huntertown	16	30
Berne	29	24
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	31	36
Monmouth	69	10
Saint Vincent	40	10
DCHS Season Record	8	5
DCHS Record To Date		

TEAM MEMBERS

Name

Dolores Leonard  
 Mildred Miller  
 Rosemary Fullenkamp  
 Ruth Vogelvede  
 Rosemary Miller  
 Mary Terveer  
 Margaret Wertzberger  
 Eloise Leonard  
 Julia Parent  
 Mary C. Holthouse

## 1936 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: George Laurent (9th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Richmond Saint Andrew	50	15
Portland	38	18
Richmond Saint Andrew	27	19
Kirkland Township	27	15
Anderson Saint Mary	33	30
Monroeville	33	12
Jefferson Township	56	22
Hammond Central Catholic	31	18
Avilla	45	11
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	30	22
Marmion Academy	36	9
Hammond Central Catholic	17	29
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	37	26
Delphos Saint John	40	29
Hartford Township	50	32
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	29	32
Kirkland Township	48	27
Delphos Saint John	22	18
Celina Catholic	27	28
Anderson Saint Mary	27	42
Portland	33	26
State Catholic Tourney		
South Bend St. Hedgewicke	32	17
Anderson Saint Mary	19	21
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	28	35
National Catholic Tourney		
Union City NJ	24	21
Walsenberg CO	32	24
Evanston IL	19	39
DCHS Season Record	20	7
DCHS Record to Date	213	112

Decatur Catholic won 20 games for the first time since 1928, and was invited to the National Catholic tourney for the first time since 1930. The Commodores won their first 11 games of the season.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
D.Hess	218	434	B.Hess	13	13
Hain	134	156	A.Baker	0	0
Braden	198	493	Tricker	0	0
Murphy	201	497	R.Hess	9	23
W.Baker	37	60	Daniels	57	57
Wolpert	9	9			

MPBT 56	Decatur Catholic	56	FPG 17	Decatur Catholic	17
	Jefferson Twp	22		Hammond CC	29

LMV 35	Decatur Catholic	50	LMD 20	Decatur Catholic	19
	Richmond St. Andrew	15		Evanston IL	39

MPGI 21 Murphy vs Richmond St. Andrew



1936 DECATUR CATHOLIC GIRLS Coach:Helen Holthouse

	DCHS	Opp
Monmouth	55	18
Arcola	20	45
Avilla	27	16
Berne	45	38
Monmouth	36	27
Arcola	27	41

DCHS Season Record	4	2
DCHS Record To Date		

#### TEAM MEMBERS

##### Name

Mildred Miller  
Mary Terveer  
Virgen Ulman  
Mary Holthouse  
Eileen Brown  
Joan Parent  
Dolores Leonard  
Eloise Leonard  
Margaret Wertzberger  
Rosemary Fullenkamp

Coach: George Laurent (10th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Lima Saint John	35	16
Huntington Catholic	17	33
Jefferson Township	29	27
Kirkland Township	18	27
Anderson Saint Mary	24	32
Marion Saint Paul	25	19
Lima Saint Rose	21	22
Monroeville	17	26
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	26	28
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	26	17
Celina Catholic	34	18
Hartford Township	22	18
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	22	35
Delphos Saint John	20	35
Huntington Catholic	22	32
Celina Catholic	15	23
Delphos Saint John	25	24
Decatur II	21	23
Anderson Saint Mary	29	37
State Catholic Championship		
Evansville Reitz	15	28
DCHS Season Record	7	14
DCHS Record to Date	220	126

This was George Laurent's worst season to date at Decatur Catholic. The Commodores were eliminated in the first round of the State Catholic Tourney.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS					
Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
W.Vogelwede	58	58	Bollinger	6	6
Cook	37	37	A.Baker	10	10
F.Vogelwede	11	11	Byerley	0	0
Kuhlne	1	1	W.Baker	128	188
Alberding	4	4	Gillig	84	84
B.Hess	141	154			

MPGT 35	Decatur Catholic	35	FPG 15	Decatur Catholic	15
	Lima St. John	16		Evansville Reitz	28

Decatur Catholic	15
Celina Catholic	23

LXV 19	Decatur Catholic	35	LMD 16	Decatur Catholic	17
	Dima Saint John	16		Huntington Catholic	23

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1937 DECATUR CATHOLIC GIRLS Coach: Rosemary Miller

	DHS	Opp
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	33	50
Kirkland Township	15	18
Anderson Saint Marys	26	14
Cathedral	31	18
Precious Blood	28	13
St. Peters	38	12
St. Patricks	23	17
Alumni	35	23
Defiance St. John	29	19
Defiance St. Mary	35	16
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	35	53
Defiance OH	58	22
St. Peter	55	12
Defiance St. Mary	35	16
St. Patrick	18	12
St Patrick CYO	24	20
Precious Blood	26	12
DCHS Season Record	14	3
DCHS Record to Date		

TEAM MEMBERS

Name

Mary Terveer-captain  
 Ethel Miller  
 Agnes Reed  
 Helen Kohne  
 Virgene Ulman  
 Rosie Fullenkamp  
 Loreto Lose  
 Genevieve Ripberger  
 Joan Parent  
 Josephine Daniels  
 Bernadine Hackman  
 Mary Alice Girard

## 1938 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach:GEORGE LAURENT (11th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Marion Saint Paul	23	19
Portland	26	17
Kirkland Township	30	20
Celina Catholic	20	11
Anderson Saint Mary	31	38
Huntington Catholic	19	25
Delphos Saint John	23	17
Hammond Central Catholic	33	25
Michigan City Saint Mary	25	7
Joliet (IL) Catholic	24	29
Marion Saint Paul	17	14
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	17	30
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	26	25*
Monroeville	21	31
Huntington Catholic	31	19
Michigan City Saint Mary	33	24
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	38	29
Kirkland Township	22	13
Celina Catholic	37	12
Anderson Saint Mary	31	36
State Catholic Tourney		
Indianapolis Cathedral	35	38
DCHS Season Record	14	7
DCHS Record to Date	234	133

Decatur Catholic returned to winning form this season, but again lost in the first round of the tourney. The center jump after each basket was eliminated prior to the season.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Point</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Bolinger	106	112	Hackman	6	6
Kuhne	41	42	Hain	19	19
Vogelwede	107	118	Hess	61	61
Baker	132	142	Terveer	1	1
Gillig	101	189	Alberding	0	0
Roop	1	1			

MPGT 38 Decatur Catholic 38 FPG 17 Decatur Catholic 17  
 Ft.Wayne C.C. 29 Marion St.Paul 14

Decatur Catholic 17  
 Ft.Wayne C.C. 30

LMV 18 Decatur Catholic 35 LMD 13 Decatur Catholic 17  
 Mich Cty St.Mary 7 Ft.Wayne C.C. 30

MPGI 13 Baker

1938 DECATUR CATHOLIC GIRLS Coach: Rosemary Miller

	DCHS Opp	
Precious Blood	36	25
St. Andrews	66	12
St. Patricks	22	25
St. Mary's	37	10
St. Patricks	16	19
St. Marys	28	4
Celina	22	5
St. Josephs	36	21
DCHS Record	6	2
DCHS Record To Date		

TEAM MEMBERS

Name  
 Rosemary Fullenkamp  
 Helen Kohne  
 Virgene Ulman  
 Agnes Reed  
 Joan Parent  
 Ethel Miller  
 Mary Alice Girard  
 Bernadine Hackman  
 Honora Schmitt

## 1939 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: George Laurent (12th year)

	DCHS	Opp
New Haven	17	16
Celina Catholic	37	17
Kirkland Township	25	24
Anderson Saint Mary	20	23
Michigan City Saint Mary	34	25
Lima Saint Rose	42	27
Huntington Catholic	28	19
Marion Saint Paul	48	10
Rensselaer Saint John	21	25
Delphos Saint John	22	31
Joliet (IL) Catholic	25	40
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	40	39
Portland	27	21
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	34	26
Huntington Catholic	29	31*
Monroeville	40	22
Delphos Saint John	20	17
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	25	38
Celina Catholic	26	14
Anderson Saint Mary	30	37
Delphos Saint John	18	33
State Catholic Tourney		
Hammond Central Catholic	30	26
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	17	18
Evansville Central Catholic	35	54

DCHS Season Record	14	10
DCHS Record to date	248	143

DCHS made it to the second round of the State Catholic Tourney. They also beat much larger schools like Portland and Fort Wayne Elmhurst this season.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Hackman	83	89	Baker	195	337
R.Hess	165	226	Hain	58	77
R.Bollinger	123	123	Roop	28	29
W.Hess	7	7	E.Holthouse	2	2
Terveer	15	15	Tavas	1	1

MPBT 48 Decatur Catholic	48	FPG 17 Decatur Catholic	17
Marion St. Paul	10	New Haven	16

Decatur Catholic	17
Ft. Wayne C.C.	18

DMV 38 Decatur Catholic	48	LMD 19 Decatur Catholic	35
Marion St. Paul	10	Evansville C.C.	54

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## 1940 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach:GEORGE LAURENT (13th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Pleasant Mills	31	27
New Haven	14	24
Kirkland Township	17	16
Lima Saint John	18	24
Michigan City Saint Mary	43	25
Anderson Saint Mary	22	39
Monmouth	37	23
Rensselaer Saint John	13	26
Delphos Saint John	21	23
Huntington Catholic	27	25
Pleasant Mills	38	24
Portland	24	37
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	33	43
Delphos Saint John	24	36
Monroeville	35	34
Huntington Catholic	36	11
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	10	49
Lima Saint Rose	24	26
Willshire (OH)	23	48
Anderson Saint Mary	26	27
State Catholic Tourney		
South Bend Central Catholic	25	34
DCHS Season Record	8	13
DCHS Record to Date	256	156

This would be coach Laurent's last year. His 13 year record was 160 wins and 121 losses. His 1930 team won the State Catholic championship. His 1929,1930, and 1936 teams competed in the National Catholic Tourney. Laurent was a Decatur Catholic grad.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
B.Holthouse	12	14	Tavas	13	14
W.Hess	31	38	Ullman	19	19
Hain	89	166	Hackman	91	180
Bolinger	70	193	Roop	75	114
Terveer	103	118	J.Holthouse	3	3

MPGT 43	Decatur Catholic	43	FPG 10	Decatur Catholic	10
	Mich Cty St.Mary	25		Ft.Wayne CC.	49

LMV 25	Decatur Catholic	36	LMD 39	Decatur Catholic	10
	Huntington Cath	11		Ft.Wayne CC	49

MPGI 14 Terveer, Roop

## 1941 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach T.C.ZAYNOR (1rst year)

	DCHS Opp
New Haven	36 39
Celina Catholic	32 25
Monroeville	37 25
Lima Saint John	15 31
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	24 30
Kirkland Township	30 27
Anderson Saint Mary	29 30
Huntington Catholic	30 39
Monroeville	42 22
Anderson Saint Mary	39 22
Pleasant Mills	22 28
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	44 38
Lima Saint Rose	38 27
Celina Catholic	30 35
Huntington Catholic	28 32
Monmouth	29 26
Delphos Saint John	37 31
Willshire (OH)	22 30
Delphos Saint John	36 31
Pleasant Mills	23 35
State Catholic Tourney	
Indianapolis Cathredral	34 30
Anderson Saint Mary	45 30
Evansville Reitz	32 43
Hammond Central Catholic	32 41
DCHS Season Record	12 12
DCHS Record to Date	268 168

New coach T.C.Zaynor was an University of Illinois graduate.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Hackman	130	310	Keller	28	28
Ullman	79	98	B.Holthouse	132	146
D.Terveer	179	297	Kuhline	5	5
Bolinger	127	320	Bierly	5	5
J.Holthouse	69	72	Welker	9	9
Klepper	3	3			

MPGT 45	Decatur Catholic	45	FPG 15	Decatur Catholic	15
	Anderson St.Mary	30		Lima St.John	31
LMV 20	Decatur Catholic	42	LMD 16	Decatur Catholic	15
	Monroeville	22		Lima St John	31
MPGI 14	Dave Terveer (twice)				
	B.Holthouse				



## 1942 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach:T.C.ZAYNOR (2nd year)

	DCHS Opp
New Haven	25 39
Anderson Saint Mary	34 41
Monroeville	29 20
Pleasant Mills	35 32
Willshire (OH)	40 35
Monroe	37 56
Lima Saint John	42 23
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	29 34
Monroeville	31 27
Huntington Catholic	31 46
Delphos Saint John	29 30
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	28 43
Alumni	30 38
Anderson Saint Mary	44 57
Monmouth	38 27
Huntington Catholic	31 15
Lima Saint Rose	37 45
Delphos Saint John	27 50
State Catholic Tourney	
Anderson Saint Mary	27 29
DCHS Season Record	7 12
DCHS Record to Date	275 180

Decatur Catholic lost in the first round of the State Catholic Tourney. This would be the last year for the tourney, as all parochial schools would be admitted to the IHSAA. Dave Terveer was second in the county in scoring with 267 points for the season.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Joe Keller	69	97	T.Lengerich	18	18
Rob Kuhnle	54	59	Bob Klepper	58	61
Dave Terveer	267	564	Colchin	0	0
J.Holthouse	133	205	Dick Briede	20	20
Welker	75	84	Des Jean	0	0

MPGT 44	Decatur Catholic	44	FPG 25	Decatur Catholic	25
	Anderson St.Mary	57		New Haven	39

LMV 19	Decatur Catholic	42	LMD 19	Decatur Catholic	37
	Lima St.John	23		Monroe	56

MPGI 20	Dave Terveer	
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## 1943 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: T.C. ZAYNOR (3rd year)

	DCHS	Opp
New Haven	12	23
Kirkland Township	36	26
Monroeville	29	26
Willshire	16	33
Monroe	32	47
Fort Wayne Concordia	40	53
Monroeville	13	28
Huntington Catholic	34	49
Pleasant Mills	23	29
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	31	48
Alumni	32	41
Fort Wayne Concordia	17	40
Kirkland Township	36	28
Monmouth	37	26
Lima Saint Rose	34	33
Pleasant Mills	35	30
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	24	38
Huntington Catholic	21	36
Sectional		
Hartford Township	19	41
DCHS Season Record	6	13
DCHS Record to Date	281	193

Decatur Catholic participated in it's first sectional tourney, losing to Hartford Township. No one from Decatur Catholic was in the top ten in the county scoring list.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
Terveer	53	53	Loshe	42	42
M.Colchin	19	19	Mac Colchin	18	18
Klepper	46	107	Gillig	0	0
Briede	118	138	Helman	15	15
Lengerich	115	133	Vogelwede	4	4
Wolpert	78	78			

MPGT 40	Decatur Catholic	40	FPG 12	Decatur Catholic	12
	Concordia	53		New Haven	23

LMV 10	Decatur Catholic	36	LMD 23	Decatur Catholic	17
	Kirkland	26		Concordia	40

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## 1944 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: GERALD VIZZARD (1st year)

	DCHS Opp	
New Haven	22	33
Monroeville	20	39
Monroe	31	27
Monmouth	19	29
Willshire (OH)	21	22
Monroe	19	28
Fort Wayne Concordia	34	51
Monroeville	34	30
Pleasant Mills	15	32
Fort Wayne Elmhurst	17	46
Monmouth	33	34
Hartford Township	30	34
Alumni	44	22
Fort Wayne Concordia	34	43
Pleasant Mills	48	39
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	19	59
Huntington Catholic	28	38
Sectional		
Kirkland Township	30	22
Berne	19	38
DCHS Season Record	5	14
DCHS Record To Date	286	207

Decatur Catholic won it's first sectional game in school history, a 30-22 win over Kirkland Township. Gerald Vizzard, long time Pleasant Mills coach, took over from T.C.Zayner.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Heimann	96	96	P.Briede	34	34
Wolpert	67	145	Terveer	37	90
Gillig	38	38	Coffee	2	2
R.Briede	174	312	Hess	7	7
Loshe	54	96	Wemhoff	7	7
Vogelwede	2	6	Hackman	2	2

MPGT 48	Decatur Catholic	48	FPG 15	Decatur Catholic	15
	Pleasant Mills	39		Pleasant Mills	32

LMV 22	Decatur Catholic	44	LMD 40	Decatur Catholic	19
	Alumni	22		Ft.Wayne C.C.	59

MPGI 18 R.Briede

## 1945 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach:GERALD VIZZARD (2nd year)

	DCHS	Opp
New Haven	31	53
Monroeville	39	23
Monmouth	43	27
Monroe	23	25
Delphos Saint John	41	30
Willshire	29	38
Fort Wayne Concordia	31	44
Monroeville	32	26
Pleasant Mills	39	28
Monmouth	35	39
Hartford Township	35	20
Huntington Catholic	40	33
Delphos Saint John	30	33
Kirkland Township	40	47
Lima Saint John	54	16
Monroe	41	37
Pleasant Mills	34	24
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	25	19
Sectional		
Jefferson Township	41	15
Monmouth	29	30
DCHS Season Record	13	7
DCHS Record to Date	299	214

Decatur Catholic had it's first winning season since 1939.  
Terveer was 4th in the county in scoring with 208 points.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Hess	136	143	Loshe	37	37
Gillig	158	196	Hackman	8	10
Terveer	208	298	B.Lengerich	3	3
Briede	72	106	Coffee	1	3
Wemhoff	39	46	Schlinder	6	6
N.Lengerich	24	24			

MPGT 54	Decatur Catholic	54	FPG 23	Decatur Cathlic	23
	Lima Saint John	16		Monroe	25
LXV 38	Decatur Catholic	54	LMD 22	Decatur Catholic	31
	Lima St.John	16		New Haven	53
MPGI 30	Terveer vs Delphos Saint John				

## 1946 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: Gerald Vizzard (3rd year)

	DCHS	Opp
New Haven	27	30
Monroeville	29	34
Monmouth	34	44
Willshire (OH)	42	44
Monroe	33	26
Monroeville	26	40
Fort Wayne Concordia	48	54
Pleasant Mills	35	12
Monmouth	21	33
Marion Saint Paul	25	56
Alumni	32	18
Huntington Catholic	40	37
Hartford Township	37	30
Monroe	38	41
Delphos Saint John	33	27
Lima Saint John	24	37
Pleasant Mills	39	28
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	22	40
Sectional		
Monmouth	28	48
DCHS Season Record	7	12
DCHS Record to Date	306	226

Decatur Catholic's 32-18 win over Monroe was the 300th win in the history of the school. This would be coach Vizzard's last season at the school.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Hess	130	273	Coffee	3	6
B.Lengerich	38	41	Wilder	103	103
Briede	115	221	Kohne	3	3
Hackman	51	61	Baker	7	7
Wemhoff	85	131			
N.Lengerich	59	83			

MPGT 48	Decatur Catholic	48	FPG 21	Decatur Catholic	21
	Concordia	54		Monmouth	33

LMV 23	Decatur Catholic	35	LMD 31	Decatur Cathlic	25
	Pleasant Mills	12		Marion St.Paul	56

MPGI 23 Briede vs Concordia

## 1947 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: Elwood Hoke (1st year)

	DCHS Opp	
Monroeville	34	58
Marion Saint Paul	34	39
Monmouth	32	45
Delphos Saint John	34	47
Willshire (OH)	27	25
Pleasant Mills	24	38
Lima Saint John	39	31
Huntington Catholic	35	52
Monroe	26	28**
Monmouth	32	47
Monroeville	19	47
Jefferson Township	54	52*
Hartford Township	36	43
Kirkland Township	31	50
Huntington Catholic	38	34
Pleasant Mills	31	33
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	32	45
Monroe	29	35
DCHS Season Record	4	15
DCHS Record To Date	310	241

New coach Elwood Hoke was a senior at Manchester College. Decatur Catholic's 4-15 record was worst in school history. The only DCHS team which won fewer games was the 1922 team which went 3-5. Although the Commodores had a poor record, they did play sectional champ Monroe tough, losing to the Bearkatz 28-26 in two overtimes, 35-29, and 42-35 in the sectional. The Commodores had no seniors on the team this season.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
J.Gillig	115	115	Roop	13	13
Rumschlag	50	50	D.Gillig	15	15
Wilder	147	250	Kable	86	86
Kohne	13	16	Baker	133	140
Coffee	12	18	Parent	2	2

MPGT 54	Decatur Catholic	54	FPG 19	Decatur Catholic	19
	Jefferson Twp	52		Monroeville	47
	(2-OT)				

LMV 8	Decatur Catholic	39	LMD 28	Decatur Catholic	19
	Lima St. John	31		Monroeville	27

MPGI 24 Wilder



## 1948 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: Dan Perry (1st year)

	DCHS Opp	
Delphos Saint John	41	47
Kirkland Township	42	36
Monmouth	25	26
Lima Saint John	43	42
Alumni	35	34
Pleasant Mills	42	25
Huntington Catholic	42	37
Monroe	40	36
Payne Ohio	50	24
Monroeville	34	51
Monmouth	44	49
Jefferson Township	52	40
Kirkland Township	42	45
Geneva	41	44
Pleasant Mills	46	47
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	42	54
Monroe	38	59
Hartford Township	35	32*
County Tourney		
Hartford Township	31	35
Sectional		
Pleasant Mills	42	29
Kirkland Township	29	26
Hartford Township	29	42
DCHS Season Record	12	10
DCHS Record To Date	322	251

Coach Dan Perry moved over from Decatur High School. The Commodores participated in the Adams County tourney for the first time. Decatur Catholic also won more than one game in the sectional for the first time, finishing in the runner-up spot to Hartford Township. The Commodores had defeated the Gorillas during the regular season 35-32 in overtime. This was one of only four defeats for Hartford Twp. this season.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Baker	125	265	Roop	3	16
Kable	108	194	Parent	3	5
Wilder	169	419	Myers	7	7
J.Gillig	116	231	Heimann	3	3
Rumschlag	59	109	D.Gillig	77	92

MPGT	52	Decatur Catholic	52	FPG	25	Decatur Catholic	25
		Jefferson Twp	40			Monmouth	26
LMV	26	Decatur Catholic	50	LMD	17	Decatur Catholic	34
		Payne O	24			Monroeville	51

MPGI 31 Wilder vs Jefferson

## 1949 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: DAVE TERVEER (1st year)

	DCHS Opp
Kirkland Township	29 35
Monmouth	33 40
Delphos Saint John	61 41
Huntington Catholic	28 49
Lima Saint John	43 48
Pleasant Mills	42 31
Hoagland	22 40
Monroe	42 40
Lancaster (Wells)	31 44
Monmouth	33 34
Hartford Township	34 41
Monroeville	26 58
Kirkland Township	45 30
Jefferson Township	56 44
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	35 42
Geneva	34 37
Pleasant Mills	45 28
Monroe	34 52
County Tourney	
Monmouth	37 39
Sectional	
Pleasant Mills	41 22
Kirkland Township	34 41
DCHS Season Record	7 14
DCHS Record to Date	329 265

New head coach Dave Terveer was a 1942 Decatur Catholic grad. This would be the last season that the Commodores would play Monroe and Kirkland Township. These two schools would merge to form Adams Central.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Loshe	10	10	D.Gage	101	101
Kable	193	387	Wilder	16	16
B.Gillig	97	97	B.Gage	4	4
J.Myers	172	179	Smith	4	4
D.Gillig	127	219	Hackman	7	7
Parent	3	8	Peterson	29	29

MPGT 61	Decatur Catholic	61	FPG 26	Decatur Catholic	26
	Delphos St.John	41		Monroeville	58

LMV 20	Decatur Catholic	61	LMD 32	Decatur Catholic	26
	Delphos St.John	41		Monroeville	58

MPGI 19 J.Myers vs Delphos Saint John

## 1950 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: DAVE TERVEER (2nd year)

	DCHS	Opp
Anderson Saint Mary	42	46
Monroeville	25	42
Delphos Saint John	44	54
Huntington Catholic	37	40
Pleasant Mills	41	24
Hoagland	41	39**
Adams Central	72	50
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	36	43
Lancaster (Wells)	67	51
Monmouth	43	55
Hartford Township	60	38
Monroeville	46	33
Lima Saint John	61	42
Jefferson Township	67	24
Lima Saint Rose	43	42
Geneva	55	36
Pleasant Mills	34	35
Adams Central	50	31
Adams County Tourney		
Hartford Township	47	46
Monmouth	37	31
Sectional		
Berne	39	37
Pleasant Mills	73	43
Geneva	51	43
Decatur	45	58
DCHS Season Record	16	8
DCHS Record To Date	345	273

The Commodores won their first Adams County tourney in school history. Decatur Catholic was also runner-up in the sectional. The Commodores played the Decatur Yellow Jackets in the final game of the sectional. Even though the schools were just a few blocks apart, this was the first time the two teams met in varsity basketball competition.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
Gage	215	316	Coffee	2	2
Kable	134	521	Wilder	186	202
Gillig	199	296	Zingmaster	11	11
Loshe	188	198	Vogelwede	2	2
Myers	320	499			

MPGT 72	Decatur Catholic	72	FPG 25	Decatur Catholic	25
	Adams Central	50		Monroeville	42

LMV 43	Decatur Catholic	67	LMD 17	Decatur Catholic	25
	Jefferson Twp	24		Monroeville	42

MPGI 22 J. Myers

## 1951 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: DAVE TERVEER (3rd year)

	DCHS	Opp
Pleasant Mills	41	34
Monmouth	32	33
Huntington Catholic	43	47
Lima Saint Rose	43	49
Anderson Saint Mary	45	61
Hoagland	40	42
Adams Central	50	40
Delphos Saint John	60	71
Lancaster (Wells)	44	51
Monmouth	45	53
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	45	51
Hartford Township	50	51
Monroeville	73	45
Ossian	66	62
Lima Saint John	77	42
Jefferson Township	66	58
Geneva	52	39
Adams Central	46	44
County Tourney		
Jefferson Township	45	32
Hartford Township	46	41
Monmouth	45	53
Sectional		
Decatur	47	67
DCHS Season Record	10	12
DCHS Record To Date	355	285

After a slow start, the Commodores rebounded to win 6 of their last 7 regular season games. Decatur Catholic was runner-up to Monmouth in the county tourney. The Commodores again met Decatur in the sectional, losing to the Yellow Jackets 67-47. J. Wilder was 5th in the county in scoring with 289 points.

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS					
Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
D. Coyne	72	72	E. Wilder	14	14
Faurote	117	117	F. Coyne	6	6
J. Wilder	289	491	Coffee	0	2
Gage	228	544	Laurent	82	82
Vogelweide	181	183	Gase	39	39
Costello	35	35			

MPGT 77	Decatur Catholic	77	FPG 32	Decatur Catholic	32
	Lima St. John	42		Monmouth	33
LMV 35	Decatur Catholic	77	LMD 20	Decatur Catholic	47
	Lima St. John	42		Decatur	67
MPGI 22	J. Wilder (twice)				
	Gage				

## 1952 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: DAVE TERVEER (4th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Pleasant Mills	42	48
Monmouth	36	34
Monroeville	48	26
Huntington Catholic	52	36
Marion Saint Paul	55	30
Anderson Saint Mary	42	44
Hoagland	40	42
Adams Central	48	43
Delphos Saint John	50	58
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	31	54
Hartford Township	36	40
Ossian	53	66
Lima Saint John	56	72
Jefferson Township	38	35
Willshire	61	43
Geneva	44	46
Adams Central	42	43
Lancaster Township	42	63
County Tourney		
Adams Central	47	48
Sectional		
Pleasant Mills	57	60*

DCHS Season Record 7 13

DCHS Record to Date 362 298

Decatur Catholic lost 8 games this year by 6 points or less.  
They also lost leading scorer J. Wilder to an age restriction  
after 6 games.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
Gage	38	38	York	4	4
Costello	47	82	Kintz	2	2
Gass	199	199	Meyer	19	19
F. Coyne	201	207	Brunton	45	45
L. Laurent	163	245	E. Wilder	9	9
R. Gase	48	87	J. Wilder	87	578

MPGT 61 Decatur Catholic 61 FPG 31 Decatur Catholic 31  
Willshire OH 43 Ft. Wayne C.C. 54

LMV 25 Decatur Catholic 55 LMD 23 Decatur Catholic 31  
Marion St. Paul 30 Ft. Wayne C.C. 54

MPGI 25 F. Coyne vs Ossian

## 1953 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: Dave Terveer (5th year)

	DCHS Opp
Pleasant Mills	62 64
Huntington Catholic	45 39
Monmouth	59 52
Monroeville	59 64
Marion Saint Paul	68 36
Hoagland	63 62*
Adams Central	61 47
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	48 66
Pleasant Mills	60 73
Hartford Township	56 46
Ossian	63 76
Lima Saint John	64 65*
Jefferson Township	60 54
Willshire OH	72 60
Geneva	62 61
Adams Central	60 50
Lancaster	72 53
Anderson Saint Mary	63 52
County Tourney	
Hartford Township	52 44
Geneva	62 75
Sectional	
Monmouth	52 65

DCHS Season Record	13 8
DCHS Record to Date	375 306

Decatur Catholic handed sectional champion Monmouth an early season defeat 59-52. The Commodores had two players who scored more than 300 points this season, Gass and Brunton.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Costello	148	230	Gage	30	68
Brunton	321	366	Mowrey	5	5
Gass	347	546	Myer	18	37
York	139	143	E.Wilder	76	85
J.Wilder	115	115	Vogelwede	0	0
Loshe	2	2			

MPST 72 Decatur Catholic	72	FPG 45 Decatur Catholic	45
Willshire OH	60	Huntington Catholic	39
Decatur Catholic	72		
Lancaster	52		

LXV 31 Decatur Catholic	68	LMD 18 Decatur Catholic	48
Marion St. Paul	36	Ft. Wayne C.C.	66

MPST 19 Gass

## 1954 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: DAVE TERVEER (6th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Pleasant Mills	53	40
Huntington Catholic	60	39
Monmouth	51	52
Monroeville	55	76
Anderson Saint Mary	59	65
Chester Center	40	42
Hoagland	43	44
Fort Wayne Central Catholic	47	69
Adams Central	53	54
Jefferson Township	60	52
Hartford Township	60	40
Ossian	55	46
Marion Saint Paul	60	42
Willshire (OH)	67	49
Geneva	58	65
Adams Central	56	62
Pleasant Mills	59	57
Lancaster (Wells)	59	62
Adams County Tourney		
Hartford Township	45	40
Adams Central	52	50
Geneva	55	64
Sectional		
Monmouth	67	73

DCHS Season Record

9 13

DCHS Record to Date

384 319

Despite winning just 9 games out of 22, Decatur Catholic was runner-up in the county tourney. Decatur Catholic's grade school teams won 31 games and lost only 1. J. Wilder led the Commodores in scoring with 316 points.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
J. Wilder	316	431	Costello	3	3
C. Voglewede	109	109	J. Voglewede	49	49
Kruse	9	9	Faurote	44	44
York	241	384	Loshe	47	49
Mowery	184	189	E. Wilder	188	273

MPGT 67 Decatur Catholic 67 FPG 39 Decatur Catholic 39  
 Willshire 49 Huntington Cath 60

Decatur Catholic 67  
 Monmouth 73

LMV 20 Decatur Catholic 60 LMD 22 Decatur Catholic 47  
 Hartford Twp 40 Ft. Wayne C.C. 69

MPGI 21 York (twice)

## 1955 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: DAVE TERVEER (7th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Pleasant Mills	67	86
Monroeville	54	47
Monmouth	71	90
Hoagland	52	55
Chester Center	72	73**
Huntington Catholic	39	56
Adams Central	55	59
Harlen	45	53
Jefferson Township	77	34
Hartford Township	77	50
Anderson Saint Mary	68	59
Willshire (OH)	68	100
Marion Bennett	53	52
Geneva	75	61
Anderson Saint Mary	53	61
Adams Central	58	51
Pleasant Mills	67	65
Lancaster (Wells)	81	62
Adams County Tourney		
Berne	60	49
Geneva	75	59
Monmouth	49	70
Sectional		
Berne	56	43
Monmouth	49	50

DCHS Season Record 12 11

DCHS Record to Date 396 330

Decatur Catholic's victory over Berne was the 396th win in the school's history. The Commodores lost to Monmouth in both the sectional and the county tourney. J. Wilder set a single season and career scoring record for the Commodores. Wilder scored 497 points this season, giving him 928 points for his career at Decatur Catholic. He also set a single game record with 37 points. The Commodores also gave up 100 points in a game for the first time when they were beaten by Willshire 100-68.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
C. Vogelwede	92	191	Ford	2	2
Faurote	172	216	Omlar	3	3
J. Wilder	497	928	Teeple	9	9
C. Vogelwede	153	202	Reed	2	2
Mowry	346	525	Costello	5	9
F. Myer	89	89	Kable	24	24

MPGT 81	Decatur Catholic	81	FPG 39	Decatur Catholic	39
	Lancaster	62		Huntington Cath	56

DMV 43	Decatur Catholic	77	LND 32	Decatur Catholic	68
	Jefferson Twp	34		Willshire	100

MPGI 37 J. Wilder-Wilder also had games of 28 (twice), 30 and 33 point



## 1956 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: DAVE TERVEER (8th year)

	DCHS	Opp
Pleasant Mills	49	47
Hartford Township	71	51
Monroeville	62	55
Monmouth	62	71
Hoagland	62	53
Rockcreek (Wells)	53	51
Huntington Catholic	62	63
Adams Central	69	62
Marion Bennett	80	65
Jefferson Township	84	49
Anderson Saint Mary	64	59
Willshire	60	61
Clear Creek (Huntington)	59	66
Harlan	66	59
Geneva	61	59
Pleasant Mills	63	77
Adams Central	68	80
Lancaster (Wells)	58	77
Adams County Tourney		
Pleasant Mills	56	42
Berne	69	57
Monmouth	45	79
Sectional		
Jefferson Township	87	62
Decatur	61	63**

DCHS Season Record 14 9

DCHS Record to Date 410 339

Decatur Catholic was runner-up to Monmouth in the Adams County tourney to Monmouth. This would be coach Terveer's last season. J. Wilder scored 339 points this season to become the first Commodore to score more than 1000 points in career. The Commodores 62-53 win over Hoagland was the 400th victory in Decatur Catholic History.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
R. Meyer	270	359	Ford	3	5
Kable	70	94	G. Wilder	32	32
J. Wilder	339	1267	Omlar	2	5
Vogelwede	292	483	T. Meyer	68	68
Faurote	310	526	Teepie	15	24
Reed	65	67			

MPGT 87 Decatur Catholic 87 FPG 45 Decatur Catholic 45  
 Jefferson Twp 62 Monmouth 79

LMV 35 Decatur Catholic 84 LMD 34 Decatur Catholic 45  
 Jefferson Twp 49 Monmouth 79

MPGI 24 J. Wilder

## 1957 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: Allison Lindahl (1rst yr)

	ACHS	Opp
Hartford Township	49	58
Monroeville	52	44
Monmouth	66	64
Hoagland	55	58
RockCreek (Wells)	63	51
Huntington Catholic	56	44
Adams Central	75	61
Marion Bennett	74	51
Pleasant Mills	89	77
Anderson Saint Mary	88	76
Willshire (OH)	70	71
Adams Central	80	61
Clear Creek (Huntington)	52	53
Geneva	51	58
Pleasant Mills	90	74
Andrews	72	58
Madison Township (Jay)	57	50
Harlan	60	73
Adams County Tourney		
Hartford Township	49	56
Sectional		
Hartford Township	47	74
DCHS Season Record	12	6
DCHS Record to Date	422	337

Hartford Township, which went 23-2 and won the sectional, beat the Commodores 3 times this season. Long time rival Jefferson Township closed it's doors before school began. It's students went to Berne and Geneva. R.Meyer led the Commodores in scoring with 356 points. He also set a single game scoring record by scoring 39 points against Pleasant Mills. D.Kable also scored more than 30 points in a game by scoring 31 against Anderson St.Mary.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
Heimann	17	17	Litchfield	2	2
T.Meyer	174	242	Kohne	5	5
D.Hake	161	161	Beall	16	16
R.Meyer	356	713	R.Ford	51	56
P.Reed	269	236	D.Kable	246	340

MPGT 90	Decatur Catholic	90	FPG 47	Decatur Catholic	47
	Pleasant Mills	74		Hartford Twp	74
LMV 23	Decatur Catholic	74	LMD 27	Decatur Catholic	47
	Marion Bennett	51		Hartford Twp	74

MPGI 39 R.Meyer vs Pleasant Mills (New School Record)  
 31 D.Kable vs Anderson St.Mary

## 1958 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: Allison Lindahl (2nd year)  
COUNTY CHAMPS!!

	DCHS	Opp
Monroeville	65	48
Arcola	66	60
Monmouth	42	45
Willshire (OH)	79	58
RockCreek (Wells)	69	54
Huntington Catholic	64	61
Adams Central	51	54
Hoagland	74	75*
Pleasant Mills	75	43
anderson Saint Mary	62	67
Hartford Township	50	74
Clear Creek (Huntington)	60	51
Marion Bennett	71	46
Geneva	46	54
Pleasant Mills	68	53
Andrews	73	79
Madison Township (JAY)	76	53
Harlan	52	60
Adams County Tourney		
Berne	43	41
Adams Central	49	34
Hartford Township	59	38
Sectional		
Pleasant Mills	73	30
Hartford Township	69	71
DCHS Season Record	14	9
DCHS Record to Date	436	346

Decatur Catholic won the Adams County tourney for the first time. The Commodores had some unusual games with the Hartford Township Gorillas. Hartford Township won the regular season game by 24, 74-50. The Commodores won the county tourney by beating the Gorillas in the final game by 21, 59-38. Hartford Township took the rubber game in the sectional by 2 points 71-69. The Commodores had three players in the top ten in the county scoring race, led by Kable's 290 points.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
Hake	226	387	Omlar	7	7
Kohne	121	126	Baker	6	6
Reed	250	586	Schultz	8	8
Kable	290	630	Beall	5	21
Meyer	233	475	Wilder	265	265
Grcss	16	16	Ellenberger	17	17

MPGT 79	Decatur Catholic	79	FPG 42	Decatur Catholic	42
	Willshire	58		Monmouth	45

LMV 32	Decatur Catholic	75	LMD 24	Decatur Catholic	50
	Pleasant Mills	43		Hartford Twp	74

MPCI 29 Kable

## 1959 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: Allison Lindahl (3rd year)

	DCHS Opp
Monroeville	43 75
Monmouth	51 53
Willshire (OH)	62 65
RockCreek (Wells)	70 63
Larwill	63 75
Huntington Catholic	52 46
Adams Central	49 68
Anderson Saint Mary	73 77*
Hoagland	65 73
Pleasant Mills	46 56
Hartford Township	48 51
Clear Creeek (Huntington)	61 52
Marion Bennett	61 46
Geneva	47 61
Pleasant Mills	72 75
Wolf Lake	53 75
Arcola	64 78
Harlan	63 80
Adams County Tourney	
Hartford Township	46 48*
Sectional	
Monmouth	65 38
Decatur	61 72

DCHS Season Record	5 16
DCHS Record to Date	441 362

The Commodores, who had never met the Decatur Yellow Jackets during the regular season, lost to them in the sectional. It was only the third time the two teams met. Decatur won all 3 games. Don Baker led the county in scoring with 446 points, which was also a new school record.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
G.Wilder	253	518	J.Heimann	81	81
T.Gross	97	113	S.Omlar	70	77
T.Lengerich	26	26	P.Gross	128	144
R.Reed	20	20	J.Omlar	62	62
L.Miller	0	0	D.Baker	446	452
P.Lose	20	20			

MPGT 73 Decatur Catholic 73 FPG 43 Decatur Catholic 43  
Anderson St.Mary 77\* Monroeville 75

LMV 27 Decatur Catholic 65 LMD 32 Decatur Catholic 43  
Monmouth 38 Monroeville 75

MPGI 35 D.Baker vs Clear Creek Baker also had a game of 32 points

## 1960 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: Allison Lindahl (4th yr.)

	DCHS	Opp
Monroeville	64	53
Woodburn	59	70
Larwill	62	67
Huntington Catholic	60	74
Adams Central	53	72
Hoagland	44	52
Pleasant Mills	60	56
Monmouth	59	58
Hartford Township	44	53
Redkey	53	71
Berne	56	78
Geneva	44	46
RockCreek (Wells)	61	55
Wolf Lake	72	60
Arcola	64	68
Harlen	53	70
Holiday Tourney		
Anderson Saint Mary	63	76
Marion Bennett	49	46*
Adams County Tourney		
Pleasant Mills	62	36
Berne	50	63
Sectional		
Hartford Township	53	55
DCHS Season Record	8	13
DCHS Record to Date	449	375

Don Baker again led the Commodores in scoring with 416 points. This gave him 868 points for his career.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
J.Heimann	74	155	Gage	4	4
S.Omlar	156	233	Reed	11	31
T.Gross	168	281	Blythe	25	25
J.Omlar	95	167	Cancino	2	2
D.Baker	416	868	Lose	47	67
Kitson	24	24	J.Kohne	8	8
Je Heimann	50	50	T.Kohne	79	79

MPGT 72	Decatur Catholic	72	FPG 43	Decatur Catholic	43
	Wolf Lake	60		Redkey	71

LMV 26	Decatur Catholic	62	LMD 28	Decatur Catholic	43
	Pleasant Mills	36		Redkey	71

MPGI 31 D.Baker vs Woodburn

## 1961 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: Leon Youngpeter (1st yr)

	DCHS Opp	
Monroeville	54	46
Woodlan	66	47
Larwill	57	48
Huntington Catholic	57	62
Adams Central	63	48
Willshire (OH)	66	57
Bryant	55	58
Pleasant Mills	85	64
Union (Wells)	67	58
Fort Wayne Bishop Luers	61	56
Geneva	62	65
Hartford Township	38	48
RockCreek (Wells)	48	44
Fremont	60	77
Harlen	76	88
Holiday Tourney		
Huntington Catholic	41	53
Marion Bennett	59	63
Adams County Tourney		
Hartford Township	48	44
Monmouth	57	72
Sectional		
Berne	53	79
DCHS Season Record	11	10
DCHS Record to Date	460	385

Decatur Catholic lost to Berne in the first game of the sectional. Berne went on to win the sectional, the regional, and the first game of the semi-state before falling to Kokomo. J. Kohne and Blythe tied for the team scoring lead. Each ended the season with 246 points. Leon Youngpeter, the new coach, was a Delphos St. Johns and University of Dayton grad.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
T. Kohne	77	156	Rumschlag	5	5
Heimann	135	185	Blythe	246	271
Kitson	181	205	Lose	64	131
Villagomes	190	190	J. Kohne	246	254
Kauffman	1	1	Reed	25	56
Baker	7	7			

MPST 85	Decatur Catholic	85	FPG 38	Decatur Catholic	38
	Pleasant Mills	64		Pleasant Mills	64

DMV 21	Decatur Catholic	85	LMD 26	Decatur Catholic	79
	Pleasant Mills	64		Berne	53

MPGI 24 Blythe

## 1962 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: Leon Youngpeter (2nd yr)

	DCHS Opp
Larwill	49 89
Woodlan	44 45
Huntington Catholic	64 67
Adams Central	56 34
Monmouth	71 55
Pleasant Mills	62 58
Lafayette Center	64 54
Bryant	58 50
Monroeville	74 64
Union (Wells)	60 52
Fort Wayne Bishop Luers	52 51
Geneva	77 56
Hartford Township	67 56
RockCreek	84 49
Fremont	60 53
Harlan	57 49
Holiday Tourney	
Arcola	57 61
Harlan	65 48
Adams County Tourney	
Monmouth	54 59
Sectional	
Adams Central	66 57
Decatur	63 67
DCHS Season Record	15 6
DCHS Record To Date	475 391

After a terrible start, during which they lost 3 games, the Commodores rebounded to go 15-3 the balance of the season to finish 15-6. This would be coach Youngpeter's last season as he would move on to coach Ft. Wayne Central Catholic. Steve Blythe led the team in scoring with 327 points.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
T.Kohne	83	239	Myers	1	1
S.Blythe	327	598	D.Omlar	2	2
G.Villagomes	151	341	E.Kohne	206	206
G.Heimann	160	345	J.Hess	0	0
J.Kohne	233	487	M.Baker	30	30
R.Baker	2	2	J.Kaehr	3	3
L.Hake	53	53			

MPGT 84	Decatur Catholic	84	FPG 44	Decatur Catholic	44
	RockCreek	49		Woodlan	45
LMV 35	Decatur Catholic	84	LMD 40	Decatur Catholic	49
	Rock Creek	49		Larwill	89

MPGI 27 S.Blythe (twice)

## 1963 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: George Waning (1st year)

	DCHS	Opp
Larwill	55	74
Woodlan	49	45
Marion Bennett	51	63
Huntington Catholic	46	48
Adams Central	46	42
Monmouth	50	65
Pleasant Mills	54	52**
Lafayette Center	56	41
Crestview (Convoy OH)	64	48
Monroeville	56	51
Union (Huntington)	45	58
Fort Wayne Bishop Luers	48	66
Geneva	53	68
Hartford Township	52	75
RockCreek	51	47
Fremont	50	61
Harlan	45	56
Bryant	54	62
Adams County Tourney		
Monmouth	48	71
Sectional		
Pleasant Mills	39	37
Berne	37	53

DCHS Season Record 8 13  
 DCHS Record to Date 483 404

This would be the last season for long time Decatur Catholic rivals Pleasant Mills and Hartford Township. Pleasant Mills would merge with Adams Central, and the Hartford students would be split between Berne and Geneva. Ed Kohne would lead the Commodores in scoring with 279 points, while Larry Hake ended the season with 268.

## TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
L.Hake	268	321	M.Baker	136	166
J.Kaehr	7	10	J.Lose	6	6
L.Gase	108	108	J.Schultz	27	27
E.Kohne	279	485	B.Mies	0	0
D.Lose	125	125	P.Gage	4	4
J.McGill	0	0	T.Myers	92	93

MPGT 64 Decatur Catholic 64 FPG 37 Decatur Catholic 37  
 Crestview 48 Berne 53

LMV 16 Decatur Catholic 64 LMD 23 Decatur Catholic 52  
 Crestview 48 Hartford Twp 75

Decatur Catholic 48  
 Monmouth 71

MPGI 23 Ed Kohne



1964 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: George Waning (2nd Yr)

	<u>DC</u>	<u>Opo</u>
Larwill	65	71
Arcola	82	73
Marion Bennett	67	43
Adams Central	46	63
Monmouth	52	56
Alumni	72	58
Huntington Catholic	64	38
Ohio City	92	72
Geneva	86	52
Bryant	73	56
Union Twp (Huntington)	87	55
Ft. Wayne Bishop Luers	65	64*
Crestview (Convoy Ohio)	73	87
Fremont	79	69
Berne	46	51
Harlan	69	65
Bryant	77	59
Holiday Tourney		
Geneva	58	60
Gray (Jay)	73	57
Sectional		
Monmouth	68	72
Season Record	13	7
DCHS Record to Date	496	411

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Kohne	293	788	Baker	8	152
D.Lose	264	385	Schultz	144	171
Omlar	182	184	Bollinger	11	11
Gage	56	62	K.Lose	4	4
J.Lose	130	136	Gase	126	234
Myers	216	309			

This would be coach Waning's last season.

MPGT 92 Decatur Catholic 92 FPG 46 Decatur Catholic 46  
Ohio City 72 Adams Central 63

LMV 34 Decatur Catholic 86 LMD 17 Decatur Catholic 46  
Geneva 52 Adams Central 63

MPCI 24 D.Lose vs Adams Central

## 1965 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach:BOB BOYLE (1rst year)

	<u>DC</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Adams Central	55	60
Marion Bennett	67	57
Larwill	80	70
Redkey	93	79
Huntington Catholic	74	73
Arcola	70	69
Monroeville	63	55
Geneva	67	69
South Whitley	77	56
Alumni	82	64
Ft.Wayne Bishop Luers	77	88
Crestview (Convoy Oh)	69	58
Madison Twp (Jay)	74	57
Harlen	69	82
Union Twp (Huntington)	66	65
Monmouth	60	58
Bryant	57	60*
Holiday Tourney		
White's Institute	75	53
Madison Twp (Jay)	62	64**
Sectional		
Berne	66	67
1965 Season Record	13	7
DCMS Record to Date	509	418

## TEAMS MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C.Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>C.Points</u>
Bolinger	235	246	Schultz	230	401
Myers	262	573	J.Lose	246	382
Gage	233	296	Kohne	62	62
T.Baker	115	125	D.Baker	6	6
Hackman	3	3	Lengerich	2	2
T.Lose	2	2	Kable	2	2

The Commodores lost 4 games by 3 points or less, including a 64-62 double overtime loss to Madison Twp. Myers, Bolinger, and Lose were all in the top ten in the scoring race. The Commodores 74-73 win over Huntington Catholic was the 500th win in the history of the school.

MPG	93	Dec Cath	93	FPG	55	Dec Cath	55
		Redkey	79			AC	60
LMV	22	Dec Cath	75	LMD	13	Dec Cath	69
		White's	53			Harlen	82
MPG1	25	J.Lose					

1966 DECATUR CATHOLIC  
SECTIONAL CHAMPS!!

Coach: BOB BOYLE (2nd year)

	<u>DC</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Madison Twp (Jay)	94	72
Larwill	68	47
Adams Central	41	56
Monmouth	60	48
Union Twp (Huntington)	78	58
Redkey	66	49
Huntington Catholic	64	47
Arcola	78	62
Monroeville	63	45
Geneva	64	58
Ft. Wayne Bishop Dwenger	60	54
South Whitley	64	63
Marion Bennett	62	70
Crestview (Convoy OH)	51	58
Lancaster Twp (Huntington)	75	60
Ft. Wayne Snider	88	90*
Ft. Wayne Bishop Luers	62	84
Bryant	51	54
Holiday Tourney		
Huntington Catholic	52	59
Huntington Twp	70	50
Sectional		
Jackson Twp (Wells)	86	61
Lancaster Twp (Wells)	64	57
Ossian	70	62
Regional		
Huntington	50	81
1966 Seasons Record	16	8
DCHS Record To Date	525	426

TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C. Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>C. Points</u>
J. Lose	450	832	Cook	2	2
Bolinger	356	602	Tom Lose	37	39
Kohne	322	388	T. Baker	38	163
Hackman	94	97	D. Baker	51	55
Geimer	10	10			
Lengerich	153	157			

Decatur Catholic, which had been a member of the IHSAA since 1942, won its first and only sectional. Adams Central also won a sectional this year at Portland. This was Bob Boyle's second and last season as head coach. Boyle was a Huntington Catholic and Defiance College grad. The Commodores upset a fine Ossian team in the sectional finals. Ossian was 21-2 before losing to the Commodores.

MPGT 94	Dec Cath	94	FPG 41	Dec Cath	41
	Madison Twp	72		AC	56
LMV 25	Dec Cath	86	LMD 31	Dec Cath	50
	Jackson Twp	61		Huntington	81
MPGI J. Lose	27				

## 1967 DECATUR CATHOLIC

Coach: BOB CHUEY (1st Year)

	DC	OPP
Madison Twp (Jay)	75	74
Montpelier	49	83
Adams Central	42	61
Monmouth	48	65
Redkey	57	53
Huntington Catholic	70	68
Arcola	72	67
South Whitely	70	65
Monroeville	45	63
Lancaster Twp (Wells)	79	68
Ft. Wayne Dwenger	46	58
Southern Wells	57	60
Wapakoneta Ohio	83	69
Marion Bennett	40	56
Crestview (Convoy Ohio)	67	76
Ft. Wayne Snider	52	87
Ft. Wayne Bishop Luers	59	78
Bryant	48	75
Holiday Tourney		
Albion	73	65
Huntington Catholic	57	53
Sectional		
Bluffton	39	72
1967 Season Record	9	12
DCHS Record to Date	534	438

## 1967 TEAM MEMBERS AND POINTS

Name	Points	C.Points	Name	Points	C.Points
D.Kable	135	177	Mike Terveer	216	216
Cook	270	292	T.Schultz	2	2
Giemer	163	173	Halikowski	39	39
John Schultz	49	49	Villagomez	4	4
Tom Lose	220	259	Herman	2	2
D.Baker	93	150	Bock	2	2

The Commodores lost their top 5 scorers from the sectional-winning team of 1966. This was Bob Chuey's first and only season as head coach of Decatur Catholic. This was the last season for Catholic, they would consolidate with Decatur and Monmouth to form Bellmont.

MPGT 83 Dec Cath 53 FPG 39 Dec Cath 39  
Wapakoneta 69 Bluffton 72

LMV 14 Dec Cath 83 LMD 35 Dec Cath 52  
Wapakoneta 69 Snider 87

MPGI 28 Cook





BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Standing (left to right): Francis Carter, Coach; F. Connell, A. Vogtlewede, H. Gedge, J. Omlar, G. Laurent, Rev. O. A. Peters.  
Sitting (left to right): H. Holtzhouse, A. Wendt, R. Christen, F. Schulte, R. Vogtlewede, C. Gass, G. Smith.

# DECATUR CATHOLIC 1924



GIRLS VARSITY TEAM

Kneeling (left to right): H. Holtzhouse, F. Baker, A. Clark, Rev. O. A. Peters, R. Smith, R. Christen, A. Moutaugh.  
Sitting (left to right): H. Dietzka, A. Baker, A. Fowling, G. Smith.





1926-27 BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

# DECATUR CATHOLIC 1927



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Third row:—Left to Right—Margaret Gilling, Deborah Ombro, Patricia Teeple, Elaine Brun-  
negruff, Mary Myers, Agnes Baker.  
Second row:—Left to Right—Anna Cochran, Rosemary Smith, Winifred Arnold.  
Front Row:—Left to Right—Margaret Voglwede, Helen Schmitz.



TEAM PICTURE 1927-'28 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM 1928-29

SEATED—Lawrence Coffey, Bernard Wemhoff, Fred Mylott, Carl Rounse, William Cox,  
STANDING—Robert Bunschlag, Ed Vlan, Gerald Gage, George Harris, Arthur Miller, Edward Metzner, George Lahr,  
and Coach





Gerald Gage



Fred Mylott



Leo Schultz



Bernard Wemhoff



George Harris



William Gass



Robert Holthouse



Carl Lose



Edwin Hess

DECATUR CATHOLIC 1930

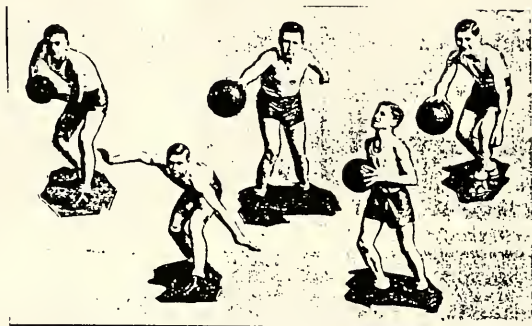


Ed Vian



Robert Kleinhenz

DECATUR CATHOLIC 1931



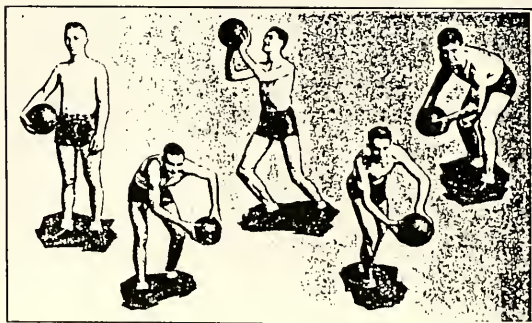
EDWIN HESS

EDWARD ALAN

ROBERT KLEINHENZ

CHARLES OHLOR

ALBERT HAIN



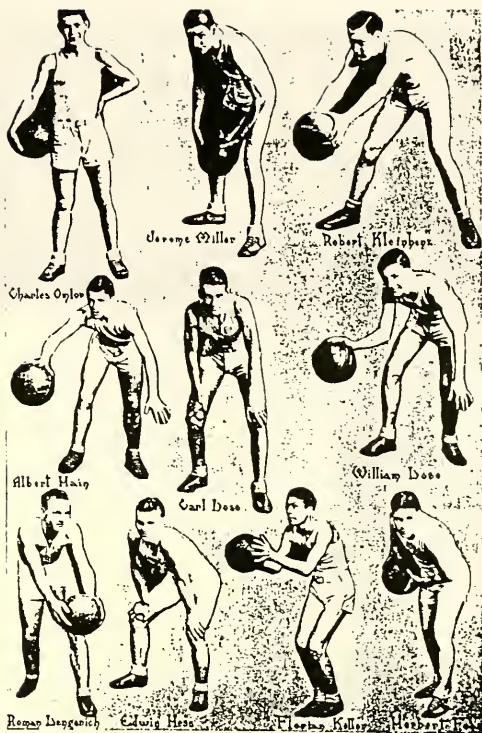
ROBERT HATHORST

WILLIAM GASS

LEO POWLING

ALAN HESS

WILLIAM GASS



1932



FIRST ROW  
SECOND ROW  
THIRD ROW

COLES' BASKETBALL TEAM

Miss Catherine Leisner, Mildred Temple, Mary Jane Colton, Christine Schmitt, Theodora Cook, Barbara Jane Leisner, Mary Jane Cook, Mary M. Leisner, Helen Parke, Agnes Wolpert, Patricia F. Pl., Mary Leisner, Mary Jane Leisner, Mary Jane Leisner.

1933



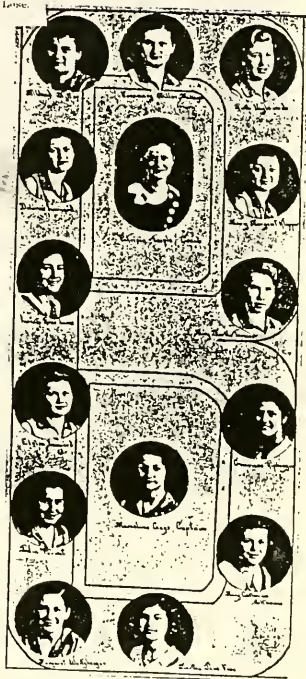
COMMODORES



1934

### COMMODORES

Top row: Coach Edmund A. Temple, Fred Kim, E. Francis, Roy J. J. Hennes, J. Trickett, R. Colchin, J. Parent, Student Manager Joseph  
 Second row: A. Ham, W. Lee, P. Murphy, R. Graham, H. Baker, D. Hess, J. Lese.  
 Third row: H. Hahn, J. Kodone, E. Wolpert, W. Fisher, E. Hess.



LADY COMMODORES





Upper Row: James Lese, Richard Hess, Robt. J. Braden, Paul Murphy, Harold Baker, Donald Hess.  
Lower Row: Herman Horn, Walter Baker, Robert Gidlin, Eugene Daniels, Edward Wolpert, George Gidlin.

1935



Upper Row: Frances Leonard, Mildred Miller, Genevieve Littlejohn, Ruth Voghtweil, Rosemary Miller.  
Lower Row: Mary M. Green, Margaret Westhousen, Elsie Leonard, Julia Vincent, Mary C. Hollibaugh.



1936



*First Row* Mary Martha Traver, Ethel Miller, Eugene Chinn, Agnes Reed, Rosemary Fullbrook,  
Helen Kohne.

*Knocking* Jean Parant, Josephine Daniels, Mary Alice Girard, Enrico Lees, Genevieve Rydberg,  
Bernadine Hackman.

1937



*First Row* Gerald Vincent, William Vachowick, George Biedy, Robert Johnson, William  
Kubak, Charles Cook, Richard Colby, Fred Vachowick.

*Second Row* Robert Hess, Arthur Baker, Eric Alving.

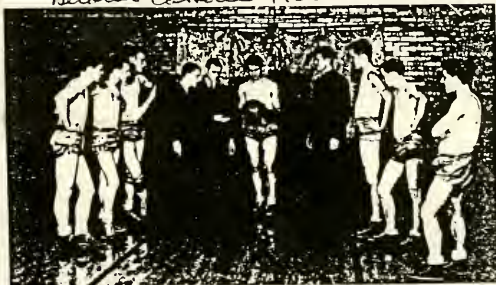




*Left to Right: Rosemary Falkenberg, Honora Schmidt, Virginia Thomas, Helen Kodan, Coach Rosemary Miller, Agnes Reed, Ethel Miller, Mary Alice Conrad, Beatrice Hartman.*

1938

*Deerston Catholics 1938*



*Left to right: Arthur Fisher, Richard Colling, Robert Hays, Coach Lambert, Stephen Thomas, Richard E. J. Walters, Agnes Reed, Albin Dier, Roy A. Conrad, Tom Alldridge, William Kuback, Robert Bedinger.*



Bob Bolinger

Revered Father Alvin



Leo Hackman

Coach George Laurent



Vince Tanvas

Art Baker



Norb Hess

Robert Hess



Bill Roop

Simeon Hain



# DECATUR CATHOLIC 1967



FRONT ROW: T. Lose, M. Terveer, P. Baker, J. Heinmann, R. Villagomez, G. Halikowski. ROW 2: J. Boch, T. Schultz, C. Cook, D. Geimer, J. Schultz, D. Kable, Coach Cluey.

1966



FIRST ROW: Ed Spangler, John Lose, Tony Koline, Dave Hackman, Tom Baker, Tom Lose, Mike Gage, Jim Imkeep. SECOND ROW: Father Blank, Ian Kable, Charlie Cook, Mike Geimer, Dave Lengertich, Bill Rolinger, Dave Geimer, Denny Baker, Coach Boyle, Brian Reynolds.

1875

1876

1877

# Bob Adams recording hoops history for now and for future round ball generations

By David M. Quinn  
Berne Tri-Weekly Sports Editor

DECATUR—Bob Adams is making his niche in the annals of Adams County basketball.

Not as a coach or player, but as a historian who has love enough for Indiana's passion and wants to record its history for all to share in future years.

"I felt there was a need for there to be some sort of record of basketball in Adams County. No one has ever taken the time to collect all of the available data and the not so easy available and compile it into a book for a reference for years to come," he said.

The idea for the venture came about two years ago when Bob visited the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle.

Upon his investigation, he found there was almost no available information on smaller schools which had not achieved the fame and status as programs at Marion, Muncie Central and New Castle.

"What I found was a lot of information on programs which had a lot of success over the years but almost no information on programs which had not enjoyed as much success," he said.

With that in mind, he researched the availability of what information and other data had been compiled and published about Adams County basketball.

Upon finding no complete history being published in book form, Bill decided to undertake the task of authoring a book about the complete history of Adams County basketball.

His search began at the Decatur Public Library where he examined two published history books of Adams County. "From there, I got what high schools ever existed and if they had any success in basketball during their existence," he said.

With a list of schools and basic information diagrammed, he then began examining library microfilm of old newspapers detailing each basketball team's history and story. "I just recorded what each team did, their records, coaches, players, leading scorer, tournament results and other general information which the average reader would enjoy knowing," he said.

After going through all newspaper microfilms from 1920 until 1960, he then expanded his search to go through old yearbooks and began

contacting all of the former coaches who had connections with Adams County basketball.

"I've just been contacting coaches over the past couple of months and response has been good. I have received a lot of information from them. A lot of the former coaches conduct personal interviews with me and like to relive their glory day in Hoosier Hysteria," he said.

A lot of Bob's research has come about from his membership in the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society.

As a member, Bob meets with knowledgeable persons throughout Indiana about basketball's past. Through this association, he has gained a lot of information about Adams County basketball from other authors who had gained other information which has helped Bob while writing their own books about basketball in other parts of Indiana.

"The two authors' research I've used most has been that of Harley Sheets and Joe Quigley," he said.

Sheets wrote "Where in the World is Westview, Wapahani and Wes-Del" volumes one and two. He also wrote, "Lebanon Basketball: A Tiger Passion."

Quigley is a former sports writer from South Bend who is currently writing a history of Catholic High School basketball. He also publishes a newsletter about state journey that he sends to Indiana natives who now reside in the south.

From these two authors, Bob gained lists of past Bluffton and Adams County boys and girls sectional winners as well as a few season records and names of past coaches.

The purpose of the IHSDS is to supply the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame with information on the smaller schools which are currently logged in the Hall of Fame's records.

He has also been going through past copies of the Berne Tri-Weekly (old Berne Witness copies) and other county newspapers taking available information from the Sports pages he will be able to incorporate in his book.

Still to be researched are background information on all teams from 1960 to present as well as the early years of basketball from 1906 until 1920.

"The earliest game I've found played is where Berne played Decatur in 1903. Decatur won a squeaker, 11-9. I found the earliest team formed which had players, a coach and sched-

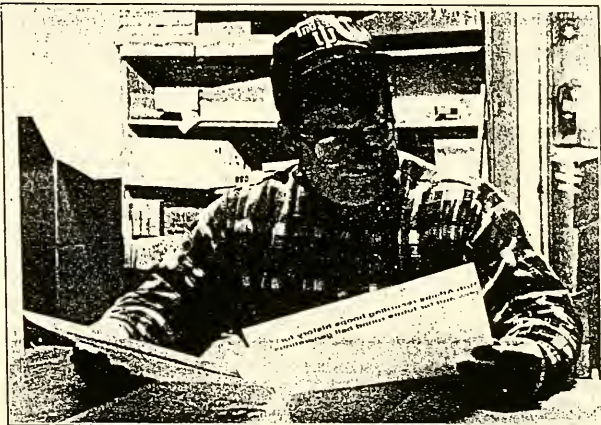


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ADAMS COUNTY BASKETBALL HISTORIAN BOB ADAMS, Decatur goes through past copies of the Berne Witness and Berne Tri-Weekly News doing research on Adams County basketball

ule existed in Decatur in 1908. I found a picture of a girls team from 1906. The earliest mention of Berne basketball is from 1907," he said.

From his research, Bob has determined that C.E. Beck was the first basketball coach hired in Berne as a teacher and coach of all boys sports.

In Decatur, Bob found that a man named "Brown" was the first teacher coach at the old Decatur High School in 1908. Later M.F. Worthman, father of former Decatur football and basketball coach Bob Worthman, who went on to become a superintendent, also coached football and boys basketball.

The first girls basketball coach at Berne was J.D. French in 1915, who was the school principal, and left there in 1921 and became superintendent of schools in Wells County.

Bob feels he will have little trouble researching basketball from the 1960s to present because records are easily obtainable from past copies of newspapers and yearbooks. "Former coaches are also still available to gain information from," he said.

One of 11 people researching basketball throughout Indiana, Bob is not doing this as a profit making venture. "It is purely for history sake," he said. Bob feels the history of basketball needs to be preserved to be

enjoyed by future fans of the sport.

"I am treating this as a hobby while my wife calls it a perversion. Any money made from sale of the book will be used to enhance athletic programs in Adams County," he said.

He invites any basketball buff in Adams County who would like to contribute to his efforts to call him at 219-724-3359 (home) or at his place of business, Bob's Locksmith Shop, 1115 West Madison, Decatur, at 219-433-7488.

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